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GOOD O'HAIR DAY



Sean O'Hair poses with the trophy after winning the Quail Hollow Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, May 3, 2009. See Sports Today



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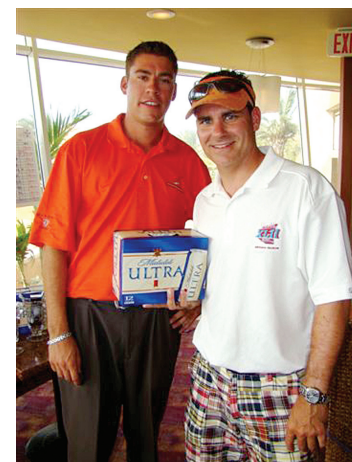
Queen's Day Tournament at Divi Links



Eagle Beach -- Queen's Day Golf Tournament at Divi Links ended with a soft refreshing drizzle which is a sign of good fortune. The golfers retired to Mulligan's Golf Café Bar & Restaurant and enjoyed food and drinks as well as an award ceremony. Nigel Nedd and

George Wong won first place, followed by Mike Foster and Steve Joyner in second and JR Quant with Ricky Quant in third. Orlando Rasmijn hit the longest drive while Steve Joyner came closest to the Pin. Beach Pro James Kiley The Links at Divi Aruba is

a tropically landscaped 9-hole golf course surrounding luxury vacation villas at the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort. It was designed by leading architects as a challenging course featuring 2 par 5 holes, 2 par 3 holes, and 5 par 4 holes. Deluxe amenities at Divi Links include a clubhouse with two restaurants and a golf training facility with video swing analysis.



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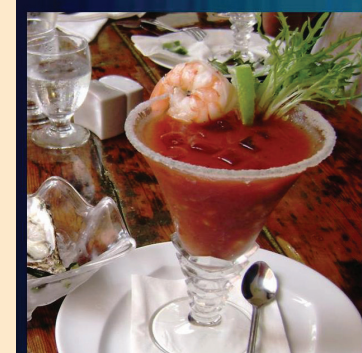
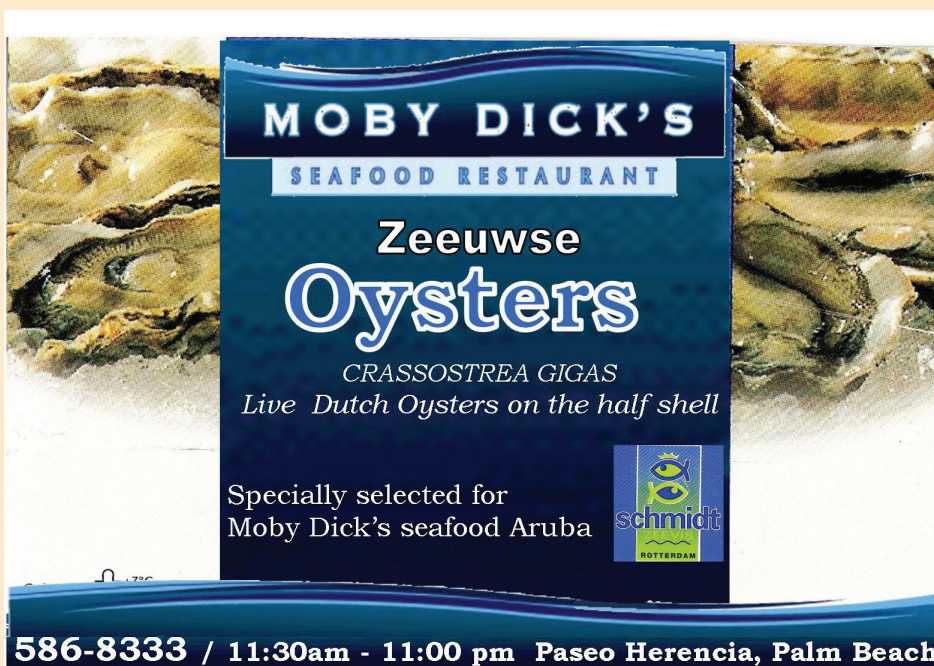
The freshest seafood is at Moby Dick's

Don't spend another day without a bloody oyster

PASEO HERENCIA – Moby Dick's has one mission; to take you to the depths of the blue ocean to taste some of the most exquisite dishes to come from the deep. What a truly beautiful restaurant this is, and what a unique interior to match. The inside is studded with artwork, amazing glass carvings, and both floors are dominated by gigantic fountains, with water running from ceiling to floor along multicoloured lit fibre optic cables. The stairway is lined by an impressive painting which runs along the complete wall. The menu promises to be a true seafood lovers dream. Lobsters, fresh fish fillets, shrimps, Moby Dick's has everything on the menu. There is of course a land lubbers section for those who are so disposed. The wine list is impressive to say the least, and the cocktails are definitely worth a taste. Moby Dick's is open for lunch as well. The chef has made a well rounded, extensive menu for you to choose from. You will find what you want, whatever your

craving may be at that time. The staff is amongst the friendliest on the island, ever so attentive to your every whim. So long story short, for unbelievable seafood in unique surroundings, go to Moby Dick's. You'll have a whale of a time!

Don't leave Aruba without trying the BLOODY OYSTER! It is the ultimate delicacy known by deep sea connoisseurs. This is heavenly combination of Tomato Juice, Cold Vodka, Oysters, Shrimp, Tabasco, Lime and Pepper.



GEOX celebrates Mother's Day



Oranjestad – Geox Aruba is celebrating Mother's Day all day on Saturday, May 9th. The trendy, Italian shoe store at the Renaissance Mall in Oranjestad, delivered over 1,000 gift certificates to home mailboxes around Aruba this week. These certificates are all redeemable at the store, as discounts against purchases. In addition to that the store will be celebrating Mom's

special day by serving Bailey's Irish Crème frappe drinks to shoppers, to live music and entertainment all day. Geox is a new concept shoe store in the mall and it had shoppers knocking on its doors even before completing the setup, they were all asking to make purchases even before the store-sign was up. The popular Italian brand, enjoys a dedicated following in the USA



and Europe, and now also in Aruba. The Geox genesis goes back to the '90s during a business trip to Reno Nevada to promote the family wine business at a trade fair Italian businessman Mario Polegato decided to go for hike in the mountains. Soon he became irritated by his overheating feet, baking inside his rubber-soled shoes, and in a flash of inspiration the 'shoes that breathe' were born as he punctured holes in the soles to let air in and excess heat escape. Polegato knew from the beginning that the idea would be revolutionary and that it would change the way people think



about their shoes. Polegato went home to Italy and patented the technology according to which outsoles are perforated in the forefoot area where most sweat glands are located. The micro-porous membrane he designed features holes smaller than water molecules, but larger than vapor molecules. The membrane is inserted inside the sole to allow on-going ventilation, preventing water and debris from coming anywhere near feet. The fruit of Polegato's flash inspiration is a comfortable line of footwear especially suited for active feet and for anyone working on his/her feet, standing, or walking for an extended period of time. The benefits of having Happy

Feet is enormous, resulting mostly in a happier facial expression and a general feeling of well-being, which is especially true for women who often buy shoes based on aesthetics, sacrificing comfort. With Geox, no sacrifices are required, the shoes are beautiful, stylish, well made and durable. Geox, hailing from Italy, has been in the US market since 2004 and enjoys in general great popularity on an international level. To admire the amazing collection for men, women and children, visit the Geox Store at Renaissance Mall; the shoes are blessed by Italian design and combine style and functionality. Geox Aruba, Renaissance Mall, tel.: 588 6736, Geox@setarnet.aw



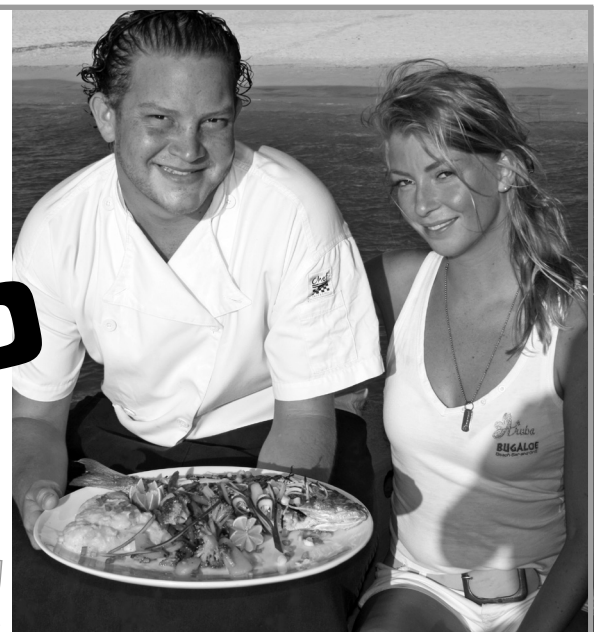
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EAGLE BEACH – Fifty guests, members of the Creative Marketing Group, on an incentive trip here and staying

at the Marriott Aruba Resort enjoyed dinner at Windows on Aruba, at the clubhouse of Divi Links. The group, 200

guests strong, is exploring the island for a motivational trip and ECO Destination Service of Aruba provided the visitors

Acoustic Soul concert entertains many music fans at Café Chaos

ORANJESTAD – A midnight concert at Café Chaos featured Acoustic Soul Gone Metal, featuring vocalist Jairo Boekhoudt.

Aruba's only Rock party band staged a comeback for just one night on Queen's Birthday bringing together singer Jairo Boekhoudt, and his musical buddies Armin Solognier, Jose Creeze, Angelo Kock and Jeremy Bonarriba.

As soon as they posted an on-line message about the



upcoming Acoustic Soul concert, Jairo reports the event collected 800 fans, in just a few hours.

Besides singing a number of times a week with Billongo, the house band at Mr Jazz by Chucho Valdes, Jairo also serves as the supper club's marketing guru.

Pictured here, the band in memorable action, on Queen's Birthday at Café Chaos.



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Mageia Shows Off Italian Fashions



PALM BEACH – Mageia, the Italian Boutique on Palm Beach, adjacent to Gianni's restaurant delivered a fantastic fashion show Saturday night on the sidewalk just in front of the garden restaurant. A formal runway set up alongside the restaurant tables had Aruba's supermodels strut their stuff in Italian Prêt-à-Porter designs from casual outfits to evening gowns, cute dresses and beach wear, for the Summer Collection, 2009. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres were served before and after the show to Aruba's invited glitterati as

they lounged, relaxed and watched. DJ Theo supplied the edgy, nervous sound track. Organized by boutique owner Lara Ferrara and store manager Karina Zimmerman the show was superbly put together by event producer Gerrit Tromp with makeup by Maruta Veeris and Gwen Croes. The fashion parade was one hour long and delivered many great touches including live models in the Mageia store windows and singer C-zar Olarte, as the entertainer in the opening act. Nuraisa, Kassia, Gillain, Carol, Gail, Nabila, Angie, Zila, Vanity & Kimberly showed off the creations

of Paola Frani, Patrizia Pepe & Aniye By, working the crowd and the catwalk in the style of the New York fashion week. They also showed off Ash Italia shoes and bags and well as Pedro Garcia shoes and Gianni Chiarini bags and accessories.

The dresses shown by Mageia were all made of soft, flowing and sheer materials, which looked cool and loose, many inspired by the colorful abstract combinations of famed Italian designer Pucci, with strapless shoulders, blouson style tops and ruffled bottoms which lent the clothes a very feminine, sexy look. Surprise, the peasant-style dresses and tops are back, and the stone washed faded jeans are bell-bottomed with accented, slanted pockets. The day time bags are oversize and the evening bags are slender envelopes and clutches. The shoes showed by the models were especially attractive with strappy ankles and open toes designs. They looked comfortable with a medium size, wide and angled heel. The color palette included many earth tones: brown,

gold, beige, some tiger print, and splashes of spring colors, reddish pink, salmon, coral, as well as lilac, lavender, sea foam and baby blue. The bikinis were all the delicate, artistic work of Miss Bikini, bejeweled and

beaded with matching throws and billowing cover-ups, the amazing work of designed Francesca Piacentini. Pictured here, a most-enjoyable evening, with al fresco fashions, on Palm Beach.

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The main courses feature Chef Elliotti's signature catch of the day creations with Fish alla Pizzaiola or Pistachio Crusted.

The restaurant serves Caribbean Lobster and seafood on a bed of linguine, and does not hold back on the portions.

Beef and chicken are also featured with Chicken and Veal Parmesan, Veal Scaloppini and Pepper Steak. Elliotti's own favorite, tenderloin stuffed with roasted garlic and topped with sweet red wine sauce and gorgonzola on the side, is a match made in heaven.

While the menu also delivers pasta as a main course at very affordable prices, you are advised to save some room for dessert with Profiteroles, Tiramisu and Panacotta made fresh every day. Pictured here, opening snapshot, celebrating the opening of the restaurant with press members, neighboring hotel executives, friends and family members, with live music by Tommy.

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The French Steakhouse Gets a Seasonal Refresh



Eagle Beach – Locals and visitors have been looking forward to the seasonal menu tweak and recharge of the French Steakhouse, under the expert direction of executive chef George Hoek. The good news reached us just recently. The master has finally revealed his grand retouch, resulting in a packed dining-room every night of the week.

Among appetizers Chef George now lists his popular classics, Escargot a la Pernod and Prosciutto Ham & Melon

next to his novel selections, Authentic Aruba Keeshi Yena and Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple and mango salsa.

The classic menu of the French Steak House received a pepped-up twist, also evident in the salad section featuring a Honey Glazed Salmon Salad and a Hearts of Palm with Roasted Pepper salad.

The menu now boasts more seafood, from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and

Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven! The famous South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, now shares the limelight with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon. And Chef George definitely took the boring out of chicken with his Jerk Curried Skewers and Lemon Herb Broilers.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson.

Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-course menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person, at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, on Eagle beach. □



Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents Beach Cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa deserves recognition as the home of Beach Cuisine.

Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a Sun Splashed menu on the ocean front terrace, raising the bar to a must-visit, must-try status.

The contemporary menu, lists many favorite dishes from around the world, borrowing inspiration from

US, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek and Mediterranean kitchens, all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

From Sun-Sational Salads, to Cuban pressed jawbreakers and wraps,

mid-day platters also include oversize Beef Burgers, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches and Hot Dogs.

The Pega Pega tropical & frozen cocktail list, with fresh fruit or ice cream smoothies, daiquiris, coladas and margaritas, leaves nothing out, including Yellow Birds, Sex on the Beach and Mudslides, making a lunch-time brain-freeze, extremely easy to get!

The Pega Pega, one of Aruba oldest beach bars is open on fabulous Eagle Beach, with unrivaled views, caring, gracious service, and relaxed atmosphere, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The bar opens at 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.



Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano delivers authentic Italian flavors



Eagle Beach -- Italian food lovers needn't walk far. Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located within walking distance of all low-rise resorts, at the charming Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers Mamma Mia cuisine. The Manchebo's Executive Chef George Hoek concocted an irresistible menu of Italian classic specialties with a contemporary feel, served al fresco, on the garden terrace or around the tropical pool.

From Anti Pasti to Insalata, Zuppa to Pesce, the menu welcomes diners with familiar recipes, which distinctly demonstrates the talents of Executive Chef George Hoek, a master of flavorful sauces, delicious combinations and delightful presentations

At the heart of the menu, the Pasta section, delivers a nice variety to be shared by two or enjoyed unabashedly solo – go ahead, you only live once. Pizza appears on Giorgio's menu for

those craving thin crusts and ample toppings, with a selection of classic pies made to order and served with a genuine Italian accent. Angelo, the Maitre D is Italian, naturally.

Giorgio's Piatti Principali feature a hit-parade of dishes, which make it very difficult to choose.

Giorgio's Osso Bucco will have you moaning with great satisfaction as you heap the braised veal shanks flavored with herbs and a red wine reduction, escorted by potato gnocchi, onto your fork, getting lost in the symphonic, robust flavors.

Chef George says General Manager Edgar Roelofs, is an incredibly valuable addition to our team as his food is divine, and his desserts deserve a special article on their own!

To check things out yourselves, call Giorgio's at the Manchebo Beach Resort. It is open for dinner nightly. □



Holy Christening ceremony for Julianne Guanipa



ORANJESTAD – Recently a special christening ceremony took place for little Julianne Alexandra Guanipa Chavez. Her parents Dennis and Juliana, together with other relatives attended the solemn Eucharistic celebration held at San Franciscus Church in downtown. As Godmother and Godfather, Julianne will have Pamela and James O'Brien from Massachusetts, USA who are dear friends from many years. Together with Julianne's parents, they all swore to raise her with the best example of Catholic faith. Also present were the proud grandparents Pedro & Marina Guanipa as well as Julianne's aunts and uncles, cousins and of course her brother Brian. Accompanying the Godparents were Mery Crooks from Ontario, Canada and Triace Ross, from New Hampshire, USA. After the holy ceremony, family and friends kept on celebrating the special occasion with a sumptuous and casual brunch at The Promenade Restaurant. Congratulations Julianne on becoming a member of the Christian family.



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Marriott's Aruba Surf Club Announces Special Offer In Honor Of Marriott Vacation Club's Silver Anniversary



PALM BEACH - Marriott Vacation Club International (MVICI), the vacation ownership division of Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE:MAR), proudly celebrates 25 years of preserving one of the oldest family traditions – the family vacation.

"We like Marriott Vacation Club because it is first class," said Bill and Grace Treubert, Marriott Vacation Club Owners at both Marriott's Aruba Surf Club and Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club. "Thanks to the three weeks we own in Aruba, we get together yearly for our family reunion."

Today the Treuberts are among nearly 400,000 vacation Owners at over 50 distinct Marriott Vacation Club resorts throughout the U.S., Caribbean, Europe and Asia. Like the Treuberts, many have been loyal since the very beginning, helping make Marriott Vacation Club International a worldwide leader in the vacation ownership industry.

The Quality Component

The first branded hospitality company to enter the timeshare industry by nearly a decade, Marriott Vacation Club marks its first 25 years with an impressive 91 percent customer satisfaction

rating. With more than 50 percent of the company's business coming from Owners purchasing additional weeks and referring friends, the common denominator for many is Marriott's signature quality and service.

"Everything about Marriott is five-star quality to us," says Treubert. "We really enjoy the three-bedroom unit since it accommodates everyone comfortably. We utilize the fully equipped kitchen for breakfasts and most lunches and then always test out one of the great restaurants on the island for our family dinners."

A typical Marriott Vacation Club two-bedroom, two-bath villa in Aruba includes a spacious floor plan featuring a fully-equipped gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and tile floors, spacious living and dining areas, multiple televisions with DVD players, a deep soaking tub in the master suite, private balcony, washer/dryer and Wi-Fi internet access.

Industry Firsts

Marriott Vacation Club boats an unprecedented number of industry-firsts that have changed the face of vacation ownership

by bringing increased credibility and setting an example for other branded hospitality companies to follow. With the launch of its premiere resort, Marriott Vacation Club replaced industry-standard fixed weeks and units with seasonally-based, floating time and property use.

In 1996 Marriott Vacation Club laid down its first European footprint with the opening of Marriott's Marbella Beach Resort on Spain's Costa del Sol. A decade later, a new Asia Pacific Regional Office and sales gallery in Singapore opened to serve an emerging market already enamored with Marriott's Phuket Beach Club in Thailand.

The American Business Awards has taken notice of Marriott Vacation Club International's winning ways, naming MVCI "Best Sales Organization" three times in the last six years and "Best Customer Service Organization" in 2007. Hailed as "the business world's own Oscars," The American Business Awards' Stevie is the first national, all-encompassing business awards program honoring great performances in business and positive contributions in the workplace.

A Customer-Driven Evolution

While compiling its diverse portfolio of beach, ski, golf and spa, and themed-entertainment resorts in prime vacation destinations, Marriott Vacation Club stayed focused on the vacation experiences of its growing Owner base. Over the years, Owners were treated to flexible options—ranging from floating check-in and split-week vacations to worldwide exchange through Interval International. In Aruba, many Marriott Vacation Club Owners choose to re-visit Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club or

Marriott's Aruba Surf Club for their annual vacation, keeping the destination on the top tier of the most requested locations.

Special Offer

To celebrate this significant milestone, Marriott's Aruba Surf Club is currently making an unprecedented, limited-time offer for all Owners and guests. To take advantage of this offer commemorating Marriott Vacation Club's 25th anniversary visit www.marriott-vacations.com and for more information on Marriott's Aruba Surf Club visit www.marriottsarubasurfclub.com. Guests may also contact the resort at 297-586-2641 or 1-866-978-7008 and visit the sales gallery located at Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club, 99 L.G. Smith Blvd.

"We are immensely excited to be able to present our Owners and guests with this unprecedented offer in honor of our 25th anniversary," said



Jim Hansen, vice president of sales and marketing for the East and Caribbean region, Marriott Vacation Club International. "This is the perfect opportunity for more families to consider the benefits of vacation ownership 'the Marriott Way.'"

“Aruhiba” Aruba’s homemade cigar



ORANJESTAD - Benjamin Petrochi has started the newest

export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called ‘Aruhiba’. These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrochi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold cigars from outside, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of “Aruhiba” cigars in Aruba. The process took 5 years Petrochi’s dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and



process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar case is specially designed for the cigars with the logo ‘Aruhiba’ and ‘Made in Aruba’. Petrochi considers ‘Aruhiba’ a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars.

The company sells international cigars as well. Buy a gift box of Aruhiba Corona with five cigars and get 1 free for \$35.00. Located at the Historic Dutch



Windmill from 9am to 8pm. Open on Sunday. And also at Tamarijn: open 9am - 5pm and Sunday from 9am to 1pm. The only place to get Aruhiba and all major credit cards accepted. We have homemade and best premium Cuban Cigars. All cigars are legal through costum. Call 586-7833 or 593-6177. Open for tour operators and we have a large parking space. Come and see Mr. Petrochi rolling the cigars everyday.



At the Crystal Theater

“Havana Dance,” is the hottest Cuban show on the island



ORANJESTAD - The Dance” explodes on stage with a thrilling mix of Latin & Cuban music, colorful costumes and high energy, the magnificent “Havana contemporary Cuban

dance.

“Havana Dance” is the biggest stage production in the Caribbean, featuring Cuban dancers and entertainers directly from Havana. The show delivers a purely Cuban spectacle, with a cast of 12 female ballerinas, 4 male dancers, 2 singers and 3 acrobats, performing a fresh program accompanied by live Cuban music performed on stage by a genuine Cuban orchestra, consisting of 5 professional Cuban musicians. This live dance AND live music combination as seen in our pictures, is ‘first of its kind’ on the island.

While the greater part of the “Havana Dance” review enjoys predominantly Cuban flavor, the show is graced with a truly unique Caribbean choreography, and many tropical touches. “Havana Dance” unfolds on a two-tiered stage, with entrances and exits to and off the arena at different heights, which presents a



new visual concept. The custom-designed costumes are sensual, daring, colorful, and luxurious and set “Havana Dance” apart from any other cabaret. Producer Steve Hudson who enjoyed an unprecedentedly-successful seven-year run with his previous “Let’s Go Latin” review, conceived and created an exciting and much-evolved new must-see spectacle. Tickets for “Havana Dance” are US\$ 49.- Children under 12 pay US\$25.- Tickets are available at the theater box office, Renaissance Aruba Resort, and can also be purchased

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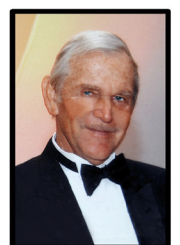
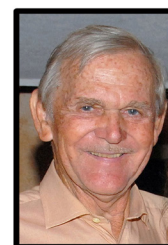
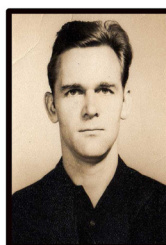
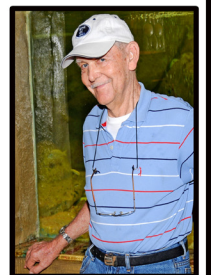
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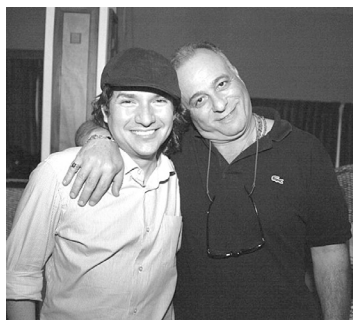
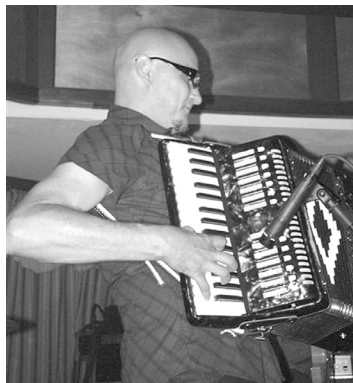
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New swine flu cases in EU, Latin America, U.S.



JAMES ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The swine flu epidemic spread deeper into the United States, Europe and Latin America — and in Canada, back to pigs — even as Mexico's health chief hinted Sunday it may soon be time to reopen businesses and schools in the nation where the outbreak likely began.

The virus spread to Colombia in the first confirmed case in South America, worrisome because flu season is about to begin in the Southern Hemisphere. More cases were confirmed in Europe and North America; health officials said at least 934 people have been sickened worldwide.

Dr. Richard Besser, acting chief of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said swine flu is spreading just as easily as regular winter flu.

"The good news is when we look at this virus right now, we're not seeing some of the things in the virus that have been associated in the past with more severe flu," Besser said. "That's encouraging, but it doesn't mean we're out of the woods yet."

On Sunday, health officials raised the number of confirmed U.S. swine flu cases to 241 in 34 states. The new number, up from 160 on Saturday,

reflects streamlining in federal procedures and the results of tests by states, which have only recently begun confirming cases, said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the CDC.

Mexican Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova said the virus that has killed 19 people in Mexico and sickened at least 506 apparently peaked here between April 23 and April 28. A drastic nationwide shutdown appears to have helped prevent the outbreak from becoming more serious, he said. "The evolution of the epidemic is now in its declining phase," Cordova declared. He said officials would decide Monday whether to extend the shutdown or allow schools and businesses to reopen on Wednesday.

Pablo Kuri, an epidemiologist advising Cordova, told The Associated Press on Sunday that tests have confirmed a swine flu death in Mexico City on April 11, two days earlier than what had been believed to be the first death.

He also said there have been no deaths among health care workers treating swine flu patients in Mexico, an indication that the virus may not be as contagious or virulent as initially feared.

The closed events made for a surreal Sunday in Mexico, as parishioners celebrated

Mass via television, camera operators were the only ones in stadium bleachers and parks, museums, restaurants, theaters and other attractions were closed.

Sunday also marked the official start of campaigning for July 5 congressional elections — but all public campaigning was banned to prevent gatherings where the virus could spread.

Gabriela Cuevas Barron of the conservative National Action Party giddily claimed she was launching Mexico's first virtual campaign, promising in a Webcast to work for a cleaner and safer Mexico City — for now, through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

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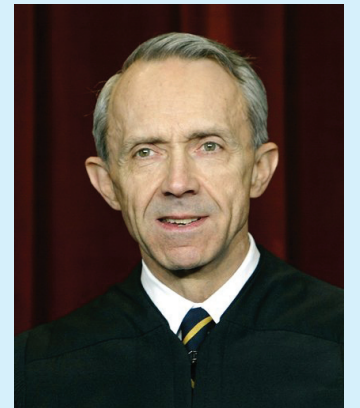
DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's search to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice David Souter should extend beyond the current roster of federal judges, senators from both political parties said Sunday.

"I would like to see more people from outside the judicial monastery, somebody who has had some real-life experience, not just as a judge," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee that will hold hearings when

Obama makes his nomination.

Noting that all nine sitting justices came directly from the federal appeals court, senators on the committee said someone with a wider breadth of experience would be a plus.

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In this Dec. 5, 2003 file photo, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice David Souter poses during a group portrait session with the members of the U.S. Supreme Court, at the Supreme Court Building in Washington.

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Local people in the rubble of a Pakistan paramilitary camp allegedly destroyed by the Taliban in Jaur, a troubled area of Buner district of Pakistan on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Associated Press

Rising tensions threaten Pakistan, Taliban peace

ASIF SHAHZAD

Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's army and the Taliban blamed each other Sunday for a rise in tensions that threatened to destroy a much-criticized peace deal, just days before the Pakistani president heads to Washington for talks with President Barack Obama.

The army accused militants in the Swat Valley of looting, attacking infrastructure and killing one soldier.

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Edwards acknowledges probe over campaign funds

MIKE BAKER
Associated Press Writer
RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — Failed presidential candidate John Edwards, whose political action committee paid more than \$100,000 to his mistress' company, acknowledged Sunday that federal investigators were looking into how he handled his campaign funds. But the former North Carolina senator and 2004 Democratic vice presidential candidate said he was confident no money was used improperly. Edwards' political action committee has been under scrutiny for making payments to a woman with whom he had an affair. Edwards admitted the affair with Rielle Hunter in August after months of denying tabloid reports about the relationship. "I am confident that no funds from my campaign were used improperly," Edwards said in the statement. "However, I know that it is the role of government to ensure that

this is true. We have made available to the United States both the people and the information necessary to help them get the issue resolved efficiently and in a timely matter." Edwards' statement was first reported by The News & Observer of Raleigh. His political action committee paid Hunter's firm \$100,000 for video production in a four-month span in 2006, and then paid an additional \$14,086.50 on April 1, 2007. At the time, the PAC only had \$7,932.95 in cash on hand, according to records filed with the Federal Election Commission. That same day, according to the records, Edwards' presidential campaign paid the PAC \$14,034.61 for what is listed as a "furniture purchase." U.S. Attorney George Holding has declined to comment and said he won't confirm or deny an investigation. Willfully converting money

from a political action committee for personal use is a federal crime. The furniture money was one of just five contributions to the political action committee between April 1 to June 30, 2007. The other four occurred on June 30, the last day of the reporting period, including a \$3,000 contribution from the wife of Edwards' finance chairman, Fred Baron. Baron, Edwards' national finance chairman and a wealthy Dallas-based trial attorney, said last year that he quietly began sending money to Hunter to resettle in California. He said no campaign funds were used and that Hunter was not working for the campaign when he started giving her money. Edwards has said he was unaware of the payments. Baron died of cancer in October. Hunter's videos documented Edwards' travels and advocacy in the months



FILE - In this Nov. 11, 2008 file photo, former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards speaks at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. Associated Press

leading up to his 2008 presidential campaign. Edwards, 55, powered onto the national scene in 1998,

when he won a seat for the U.S. Senate from North Carolina in his first political campaign. With smooth speech and good looks, the former trial lawyer ran for the White House in 2004 and was tapped as Sen. John Kerry's running mate. He returned to the campaign trail in a 2008 presidential bid but was largely overshadowed by the duel between Hillary Clinton, vying to be the first female president, and Barack Obama, vying to be the first black president. Since announcing the affair, Edwards has remained largely secluded. His wife, Elizabeth, will soon be releasing a book talking about the affair.

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Hundreds march in national gay rights rally

RON TODT

Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— Hundreds of gay rights demonstrators marched through the streets of the city's historic center on Sunday carrying rainbow-colored flags and signs calling for equal rights in marriage, in the workplace and in health care. The National Equality Rally was billed as the first national demonstration since 2000 for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights and the first held outside Washington. The marchers displayed signs from dozens of organizations and photos of people they said had been killed because of their sexualities.

The march ended with a rally in front of Independence Hall, where rainbow-colored umbrellas came in handy in a steady drizzle. The crowd listened to music from a band and a chorale singing the

national anthem, and a cheer rose at the sound of the bell from the spire of the building where the Constitution was drafted.

Speakers called for support for gay marriage, more money for AIDS research and an end to workplace discrimination and the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which prohibits gays in the military from being open about their sexual orientation. One participant wearing a fatigue jacket and pink slacks held a sign saying "Do ask, do tell."

"We don't wilt, and we don't melt. We are here for equality now," Malcolm Lazin, executive director of the Equality Forum local gay rights group, which sponsored the event, told the crowd.

Bryan Berchok, of Upper Bucks County, Pennsylvania, listened to the speeches as he held his 4-year-old adopted son, Shawn, whose face was

painted to resemble the black mask of Spider-Man's evil alter ego. He and his partner of 15 years, John Ferraro, said it was difficult and expensive to try to get the same rights afforded to married couples.

"We worry how things would work out if one of us was not able to care for Shawn," Berchok said. "It's just a little scary."

Allison Woolbert, who chairs the Interweave gay rights group of southern New Jersey, said she wanted more attention given to health care for transgender people, who she said often are refused care by medical personnel and whose medications are not covered in health plans.

A few counterdemonstrators held religious signs at the margins of the gathering, and one preached with a bullhorn as the marchers filed past.

At the time of the last national rally, nine years ago, Vermont



Andrew Damron participates in a demonstration for gay rights at Independence Hall in Philadelphia on Sunday May 3, 2009.

Associated Press

had just passed the first civil union law in the country. Now, gay marriage is legal in Vermont, Connecticut, Iowa and Massachusetts, with bills pending in other states. California briefly allowed it last year, but a voter initiative repealed it.

Speakers on Sunday noted that

Independence Hall was the site of the first Reminder Day picket for gay rights on July 4, 1965. That gathering attracted about 40 people, but about 150 attended the fifth one in 1969, just after the landmark Stonewall riots in New York, considered the birth of the U.S. gay rights movement.



FILE - In this Oct. 14, 1996 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole joins hands with his running mate Jack Kemp during their rally on a pier in San Diego. On Saturday, May 2, 2009, a spokesperson said Kemp, a former quarterback, congressman and one-time vice-presidential nominee, has died.

Associated Press

CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jack Kemp, the former pro quarterback who turned fame on the football field into a career in national politics and a crusade for lower taxes, has died of cancer at age 73.

Family spokeswoman Marci Robinson said Kemp died shortly after 6 p.m. Saturday, surrounded by his family and pastor. Kemp died at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, in the Washington suburbs, friends said.

Kemp's office announced in January that he had been

Jack Kemp, football star turned politician, dies

diagnosed with an unspecified type of cancer. By then, however, the cancer was in an advanced stage and had spread to several organs, former campaign adviser Edwin J. Feulner said. He did not know the origin of the cancer.

Kemp, a former quarterback for the Buffalo Bills, represented western New York for nine terms in Congress, leaving the House for an unsuccessful presidential bid in 1988.

Eight years later, after serving a term as President George H.W. Bush's housing secretary, he made it onto the national ticket as Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole's running-mate.

With that loss, the Republican bowed out of political office, but not out of politics. In speaking engagements and a syndicated column, he continued to advocate for the tax reform and supply-side policies — the idea that the more taxes are cut the more the economy will grow — that he

pioneered.

Praise rolled in from fellow politicians.

"Jack Kemp's commitment to public service and his passion for politics influenced not only the direction of his party, but his country," President Barack Obama said in a statement issued Sunday. Obama praised Kemp as "a man who could fiercely advocate his own beliefs and principles while also remembering the lessons he learned years earlier on the football field: that bitter divisiveness between race and class and station only stood in the way of the 'common aim of a team to win.'"

Former President George W. Bush said Kemp "will be remembered for his significant contributions to the Reagan revolution and his steadfast dedication to conservative principles during his long and distinguished career in public service."

"Jack was an eternal optimist who

was always searching for solutions that would help the American people," Dole said. "Jack and I really got to know one another in the 1996 presidential race. We lost, but Jack's enthusiasm and his willingness to reach out to Americans everywhere made the race an exciting one."

Former first lady Nancy Reagan said Kemp served his country with great distinction and called him "one of the strongest Reagan 'cheerleaders' we've ever had, spreading the message of prosperity through freedom and tax reductions."

Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, a civil rights leader, called Kemp "a statesman who, especially in his later years, tried to reach across the aisle to solve some of our nation's problems. He was deeply concerned about the struggles of urban America, especially those of inner city youth. His voice will be deeply missed."



In this photograph provided by ABC News, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, appears on "This Week" at the ABC Studios in Washington Sunday, May 3, 2009.
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When he was discussing the qualities he would seek in Souter's successor, Obama said last week he wanted someone with empathy for average Americans. Conservatives fear that means the president would consider "judicial

activists" for the seat. Conservative and liberal groups are quickly laying the groundwork for a nominee fight that could reignite contentious debate on issues from abortion and immigration to gay rights that are likely to

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come before the high court. The departure of Souter, part of the court's four-member liberal wing, is unlikely to change the ideological balance of a court that became more conservative during George W. Bush's presidency. The nine justices are appointed for life.

Leahy said he expects the next justice to be confirmed by the court's new term in October and that the president will consult with lawmakers from both parties.

"I would like to see, certainly, more women on the court. Having only one woman on the Supreme Court does not reflect the makeup of the United States. I think we should have more women. We should have more minorities," Leahy said.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a committee member who last week switched from the Republican to the Democratic Party, suggested someone in the mold of a statesman or stateswoman, and said he could imagine a nominee who

was not a lawyer, if that person had the right credentials.

"I would like to see somebody with broader experience," Specter said. "We have a very diverse country. We need more people to express a woman's point of view or a minority point of view, Hispanic or African American ... somebody who's done something more than wear a black robe for most of their lives."

Obama said Friday he would nominate a person who combines "empathy and understanding" with an impeccable legal background "who understands that justice isn't about some abstract legal theory or footnote in a case book. It is also about how our laws affect the daily realities of people's lives."

Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, a senior Republican on the Judiciary Committee, said he hopes Obama will choose someone of "great dimension." At the same time, he said that Obama's criteria raise concern and he contended that the president says he will select a nominee according to that person's politics, feelings and preferences.

"Those are all code words for an activist judge, who is going to, you know, be partisan on the bench," Hatch said.

"We all know he's going to pick a more liberal justice. Their side will make sure that it's a pro-abortion justice. I don't think anybody has any illusions about that," he said. "The question is, are they qualified? Are they going to be people who will be fair to the rich, the poor, the weak, the strong, the sick, the disabled." Sen. Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican who is not on the committee, said empathy should be only part of the criteria for a nominee and that a justice should follow the law, not make it.

"But if he will appoint a pragmatist, someone who is not an ideologue ... I think that would be good for the country," Shelby said.

Although Shelby noted that Obama voted against the two most recent nominees to the court — Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, both conservatives picked by President George W. Bush — he said he would not seek "payback" in considering Obama's nominee.

GOP group launches listening tour to rebrand party's image

By JACKIE QUINN

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WASHINGTON — With its party struggling to define itself, a group of prominent Republicans launched a listening tour Saturday in a bid to boost the GOP's sagging image and regroup for future elections.

Former presidential candidate Mitt Romney, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and House Minority Whip Eric Cantor, R-Va., held a town-hall style meeting at a pizza restaurant in the Democratic suburb of Arlington, Va., to hear about people's concerns on issues from the economy and health care to the rising costs of college tuition.

"You can't beat something with nothing, and the other side has something," Bush told a group of about 100 people at

the Pie-Tanza pizza parlor. "I don't like it, but they have it and we have to be respectful and mindful of that."

"I hope across the country people will be excited about the prospect of sharing their ideas to bring about a better America," he said.

It was the first meeting of the GOP group National Council for a New America, which was created to rebrand the party's image. The meeting comes after a bad week in which Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter announced he was switching to the Democratic party and Democrat Scott Murphy won a close U.S. House race in a GOP district in upstate New York.

An Associated Press-GfK poll released in April shows that Democrats outnumber Republicans by 46 percent to

28 percent, including those leaning toward either party.

The national council, which plans listening sessions in other cities, also includes Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and Sen. John McCain. Republican aides on Capitol Hill disclosed the group this past Wednesday just before Obama started a news conference to mark his first 100 days in office. The group is partly highlighting their differences with the Republican National Committee's political strategy.

That group and a similar one — Resurgent Republic, a collection of the party's senior strategists — are meant to be Republican roadshows outside Washington's circus tent.

Still, notably absent from either group's rosters are the



In this Sept. 3, 2008 photograph, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn.

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2008 GOP vice presidential nominee, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, and former Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has his own policy group. Others mentioned as potential 2012 candidates and missing are South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford and Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, although the latter is a close McCain ally. Cantor said he wanted to focus the meeting on "bread and butter" issues such as the

rising costs of education and health care, which resonate the most with Americans right now.

"These are discussions that need to occur with the American people of any political stripe," he said. "We need to make sure, the discussions, I believe, should be focused on the principles that have made America great — the principles of freedom and opportunity."

Most charges dropped in ritual sex abuse cases

MARIA SUDEKUM FISHER Associated Press Writer WASHBURN, Missouri (AP) — There was a lot of public attention when leaders of two obscure churches in the Ozarks woods were accused of ceremonially abusing girls, preparing them for “service to God” by molesting them.

The allegations involved extended families in southwest Missouri, a largely rural area that has one of the state’s highest rates of reported child abuse and has had other high-profile abuse cases.

But nearly three years later, the cases have almost completely unraveled: Only one of the six defendants remains charged, and he is free on bail while waiting for a yet-to-be-scheduled trial.

All six defendants, related by blood or marriage, pleaded not guilty. Hearing after hearing was held. Many of the approximately 100 members of the churches moved away. “This is exactly what I didn’t want to happen,” said Erin Willis, attorney for one of the accusers. “What I wanted is for them to feel vindicated, for them to come through it feeling like the legal process served them as it was meant to.

“I’m not sure we accomplished that here.”

The charges surfaced 2006 when a handful of young women from Grand Valley Independent Baptist Church and Grandview Valley Baptist Church North told authorities they had been sexually abused, some since the 1970s.

Raymond Lambert, pastor of Grand Valley Independent Baptist Church in McDonald County, was charged with molesting two girls with the help of his wife, Patty Lambert, over 10 years. The girls were allegedly told their bodies were being prepared “for service to God.”

Also accused of abuse were Tom Epling, 54, and his brother, Paul Epling, 56. Tom Epling’s wife, Laura Epling, was accused of helping Lambert abuse a girl.

George Otis Johnston, Lambert’s uncle and pastor of nearby Grandview Valley Baptist Church North in Newton County, was accused

of telling an alleged victim he “was ordained by God to fulfill her needs as a woman” and that “if she would have sexual intercourse with him that she would remain a virgin and remain pure.”

The girl told investigators she refused intercourse but continued to be molested.

However, the statute of limitations led to dismissal of charges against the Epling brothers since their alleged crimes had taken place in the 1970s and 1980s.

In late 2007, McDonald County prosecutors abruptly dropped charges against Patty Lambert, 51, and Laura Epling, 52.

And in June 2008, McDonald County Prosecutor Janice Durbin dropped all charges against Raymond Lambert, just weeks before he was to stand trial for child molestation, statutory sodomy and sexual abuse.

She said the charges were dropped because the alleged victims decided “they can no longer subject themselves or their families to the ongoing scrutiny and pressures of a very public proceeding.”

“In no way does this dismissal reflect the state’s opinion about the validity of the charges against the defendant,” Durbin said.

Charges are still pending against Johnston, 66, who has pleaded innocent to 17 felonies. His lawyer, Andrew Wood, did not return calls

seeking comment.

Child abuse cases can present challenges in rural areas, said Victor Vieth, director of the National Child Protection Training Center in Winona, Minnesota.

“In small, rural communities, everybody knows everybody else,” Vieth said. “They’ve known everybody else for generations. But that doesn’t mean it can’t be handled successfully.”

A lack of national experts on child abuse with rural backgrounds could also be an issue in how well rural cases are processed, Vieth said.

The southwest Missouri region, which ranked No. 1 in hot line calls for children in 2006, has seen other attention-grabbing abuse cases. Nine-year-old Rowan Ford was found raped and killed in 2007 — her stepfather and a friend of his are charged in the case. The region also ranked first in the number of children in state custody in 2006 and in the number of substantiated child abuse/neglect cases and family assessments, according to the Department of Social Services.

“The age-old question is, is this because we’re good at reporting abuse or because we have more?,” said Barbara Brown, executive director of the Child Advocacy Center in Springfield.



In an Aug. 23, 2006 file photo, a gate barricades the road leading to Grand Valley Farm near Washburn, Mo. The farm’s land serves as a home and religious compound for several extended families. The case of ritual abuse in the rural church has been whittled down to only one of the six defendants remaining charged, and he is free on bail while waiting for a yet-to-be-scheduled trial.

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Storms rumble across Southeast; Mississippi woman killed

ATLANTA — Authorities say severe storms that rumbled across the Southeast killed one person, knocked out power to thousands and caused property damage in at least three states.

A coroner says a 46-year-old Laurel, Mississippi, woman was killed when a tree fell on her while she was standing outside her home Sunday in the southeastern part of the state. Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi reported minor property damage.

Emergency officials say a tornado touched down near Crossville, Tenn., about 60 miles west of Knoxville. And authorities in Alabama and Georgia say several funnel clouds were spotted.

The storms also knocked out power to about 10,000 customers around the Atlanta-metro area. Most had been restored by 10 p.m. About 6,000 Alabama customers were in the dark for awhile.

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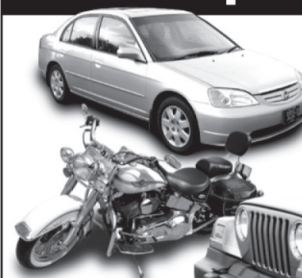
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Swine flu goes person-to-pig; could it jump back?

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AP Medical Writer
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Now that the swine flu virus has passed from a farmworker to pigs, could it jump back to people? The question is important, because crossing species again could make it more deadly.

The never-before-seen virus was created when genes from pig, bird and human viruses mixed together inside a pig. Experts fear the virus that has gone from humans back into pigs in at least one case could mutate further before crossing back into humans again. But no one can predict what will happen.

“Could it gain virulence? Yes,” Juan Lubroth, an animal health expert at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, said Sunday. “It

could also become milder. It could go in both directions.” Canadian officials announced Saturday that the virus had infected about 200 pigs on a farm — the first evidence that it had jumped to another species. It was linked to a farmworker who recently returned from Mexico, where 19 people have died from the virus. The farmworker has recovered, and the mildly infected pigs have been quarantined.

Agriculture officials believe the worker may have sneezed or coughed near the pigs, possibly in a barn. About 10 percent of the herd experienced loss of appetite and fever, but all are recovering.

Experts say pork — even from infected pigs — is safe to eat. Lubroth stressed that sick people should avoid contact with swine, but said healthy

farmworkers don’t need to take any extra precautions because the chance of catching flu from a pig is small.

Unlike the H5N1 bird flu virus, which infects the blood, organs and tissue of poultry, most swine flus are confined to the respiratory tract, meaning the risk of a human getting infected by a pig is “probably 10 or a 1,000 times less,” Lubroth said.

But pigs are of special concern because they share some basic biological similarities with humans, and they have served as “mixing vessels” in which various flu strains have swapped genetic material. That’s what happened to create the current swine flu strain.

Scientists are unsure when the virus leaped from pigs to humans — possibly months or even a year ago — but



Jeff Schmitt tends to pigs on his hog farm in Holy Cross, Iowa, Wednesday, April 29, 2009. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and others have suggested a new name, arguing that swine flu implies a problem with pork products. China, Russia and Ukraine are among countries that have banned pork imports from Mexico and parts of the United States affected by swine flu. Associated Press

it was identified as a new strain about a week and a half ago. Since then, nearly 800 cases have been confirmed

worldwide. The only death outside Mexico occurred when a Mexican toddler died in a Texas hospital.

There have been sporadic cases of pigs infecting humans with influenza in the past. Most cases resulted in mild symptoms, typically among people who were in close contact with sick pigs. A few deaths have been recorded, and limited human-to-human transmission also has been documented, but nothing sustained.

Dr. Tim Uyeki, an epidemiologist with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who has worked on SARS and bird flu outbreaks, said there may be more pig-to-human cases that have gone unnoticed because surveillance among swine populations tends to be weaker than among poultry stocks.

Given that the past three flu pandemics — the 1918 Spanish flu, the 1957-58 Asian flu and the Hong Kong flu of 1968-69 — were all linked to birds, much of the global pandemic preparedness has focused on avian flus.

“The world has been watching and preparing and trying to prevent a pandemic from an avian influenza reservoir,” he said. “The focus has been on birds, and here is a virus that’s coming from a swine reservoir. Now it’s a human virus.”

Swine flu

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Meanwhile, the leftist Democratic Revolution Party was already up with a Facebook page for its candidates.

The United States said it had sent 100,000 protection kits worth \$1 million to Mexico for use by first responders. The kits include respiratory masks, protective goggles and overalls. In all, the U.S. has sent \$16 million in aid to Mexico since the emergency began, the U.S. Embassy said.

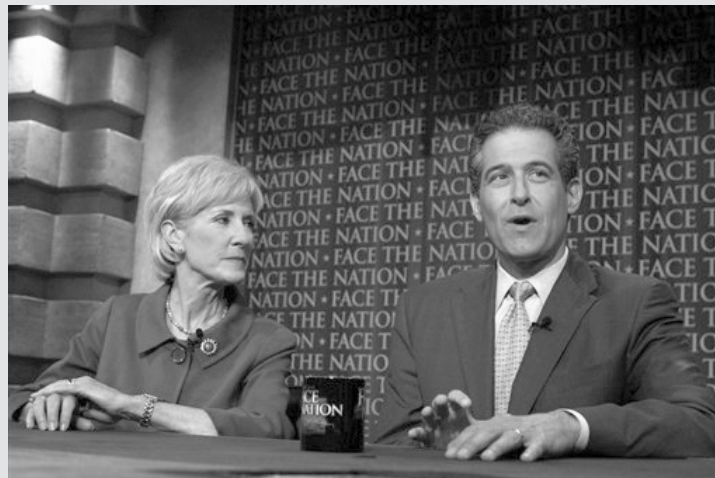
In the Canadian province of Alberta, officials quarantined about 220 pigs that became infected from a worker who had recently returned from Mexico. It was the first documented case of the H1N1 virus being passed from a human to another species. Canada stressed that pigs often get the flu and there’s no danger in eating pork.

Egypt has ordered all pigs in the country slaughtered as a precaution, sparking riots Sunday by pig farmers who threw stones at police.

According to tallies by the CDC, World Health Organization and governments, there were 101 confirmed cases of swine flu in Canada; 40 in Spain; 18 in Britain; eight in Germany; four in New Zealand; two in Italy, France, Israel, and South Korea; one each in Colombia, Costa Rica, Ireland, Switzerland, Austria, Hong Kong, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Fear spread in other parts of the globe, much of it directed at Mexican nationals or those who have traveled to Mexico. China quarantined more than 70 Mexican travelers in hospitals and hotels there, and Mexicans on arriving flights were being taken into isolation, said Mexico’s ambassador, Jorge Guajardo. Even the Mexican consul in Guangzhou was briefly held after returning from a vacation in Cambodia, Guajardo said.

“In many cases we have gotten reports that they were being quarantined for the sole fact that they had a Mexican passport, whether or not they came from Mexico, whether or not they had been in Mexico, whether or not they had been in contact with someone else from Mexico,” Guajardo



said. Hong Kong isolated 350 people in a hotel after a Mexican traveler there was determined to have the swine flu.

In Trinidad, crew aboard a Mexican tanker had been isolated since Friday at the Point Lisas Port. The Ministry of Health said Sunday they were tested and cleared of any flu infection and that the vessel was expected to be released.

Health officials around the world cautioned that despite encouraging signs, swine flu still poses a very real threat. “Most experts would agree that the current outbreak that we are experiencing is mild to moderate in severity,” Dr. Jon

Andrus of the Pan American Health Organization said in a teleconference from Washington. “That is not to say that things cannot change very rapidly and very dramatically.”

Under one scenario, the virus could peter out now, only to roar back in the fall when flu seasons begins. That’s why health officials are watching the Southern Hemisphere so closely.

“Certainly, maybe, this current round of activity has peaked, but we are only 10 days into this outbreak,” WHO spokesman Gregory Hartl told reporters in Switzerland. “I think we would want to wait a while before making a definitive decision.”

Iraqi Sunni fighters detained for past attacks

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi and U.S. forces have arrested three leading members of a Sunni militia on suspicion of carrying out attacks — including downing an American military helicopter — before they joined sides with U.S.-led forces to fight the insurgency, Iraqi officials said Sunday.

The arrests north of Baghdad put to test pledges by Iraq's Shiite-led government to move ahead with Sunni reconciliation and offer security posts to members of the so-called Awakening Councils, who turned against al-Qaida and other insurgents in recent years in one of the pivotal alliances of the war. Sunni leaders have protested the slow pace of government outreach. Some Awakening Council units, meanwhile, have threatened to end patrols and leave checkpoints because promised government payments have fallen behind. Any step back by the tribal Sunni militias could leave Baghdad and other areas more vulnerable to attacks from insurgents, who have sharply stepped up bombings in the past month.

The three Awakening Council leaders detained Saturday include Mullah Nadhum al-Jubouri, a prominent tribal militia figure in the area around Duluiyah, about 45 miles (75 kilometers) north of Baghdad. His two brothers also were taken into custody in the U.S.-Iraqi raid, said Iraqi officials.

The three are accused of carrying out attacks in 2005 and 2006, including downing a U.S. helicopter and targeting a police station near Duluiyah, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not allowed to release the details of the case.

A U.S. military statement did not mention specific allegations against the three but said al-Jabouri and his brothers were wanted for "terrorism."

Some Awakening Council members were active in the



A Sunni Awakening Council member searches a vehicle at checkpoint in north Baghdad's Azamiyah neighborhood, Iraq, Sunday, May 3, 2009. Recent arrests of Awakening Council members test Iraqi government pledges to reward so-called Awakening Councils, who turned against insurgents in 2006.

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insurgency or sympathizers before becoming disenchanted with al-Qaida's attacks on civilians and reliance on non-Iraqi leaders.

There was no immediate signs of a serious Sunni backlash to the arrests, but violence has flared recently after similar raids.

The arrest of an Awakening Council leader in Baghdad touched off two days of fighting with U.S. troops and Iraqi security forces in late

March, killing at least four people. The arrested leader, Adel al-Mashhadani, was wanted under a December 2008 warrant accusing him of charges that include roadside bombings and links to al-Qaida in Iraq.

An amnesty law adopted last year allows officials to clear the slate the some past offenses, but does not cover allegations such as terrorism, kidnapping and rape.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, speaking on CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS," said Washington strongly favors efforts at political compromises between Shiites and Sunnis.

"Regardless of what he says, Prime Minister (Nouri) al-Maliki also is reaching out to elements of the Sunni community as potential political allies," said Gates, "so the key for us is the Iraqis themselves, working these differences out and their problems in a political way."

Iran: U.S. journalist's case will get fair review

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's foreign minister assured his visiting Japanese counterpart that the case of an American journalist imprisoned in Tehran for allegedly spying for the United States will get a fair review on appeal.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said 32-year-old Roxana Saberi's appeal will be "reviewed justly and humanely." He spoke at a joint news conference Saturday with Japan's Hirofumi Nakasone, who expressed concern over the case during his visit to Iran.

Saberi is a dual Iranian-American citizen who was born in Fargo, North Dakota. Her father is Iranian and her mother is Japanese. She was arrested in January in Tehran and sentenced last month to eight years in prison after a one-day trial behind closed doors. Her case has raised an international outcry and her lawyer in Iran has appealed the verdict.

Saberi's father, who is in Iran with her mother trying to persuade the government to release Saberi, said last week she had gone on a hunger strike after she was convicted and has since become "very weak." Iran's judiciary denies she is on hunger strike.

Washington has called the spying charges against Saberi "baseless" and insisted Iran release her. U.S. Secretary of



Akiko Saberi, mother of the American-Iranian journalist Roxana Saberi, 31, who has been convicted of spying and sentenced to eight years in prison, shows her photo on her Iranian identity card at her home in Tehran on Monday April 20, 2009.

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State Hillary Rodham Clinton last week reiterated those appeals.

The case has been a source of tension between the U.S. and Iran at a time when the Obama administration is reaching out to Tehran after decades of diplomatic stalemate.

Saberi was working as a freelance reporter for organizations including National Public Radio and the British Broadcasting Corp. before her arrest.

Taliban peace

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A Taliban spokesman said militants will start patrolling Swat's main town, and acknowledged that they cut the throats of two soldiers as revenge for the army killing two insurgents.

What happens to the peace pact is likely to figure prominently in talks between Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari and Obama later this week. Zardari is expected to ask for more money to help Pakistan's battered economy and under-equipped security forces.

Under February's peace deal, the government agreed to impose Islamic law in the districts that make up the Malakand Division in hopes that the militants would lay down their arms.

But the Taliban in Swat were emboldened, and soon entered the adjacent Buner district to impose their harsh brand of Islam.

Pakistan has insisted on using negotiations and force in tackling violent extremism within its borders. It's an approach that worries U.S. officials, who warn



Supporters of Pakistani a religious group 'Sunni Tehreek (movement)' hold a rally against Taliban and condemn the suspected U.S. drone attacks in the tribal areas, Sunday, May 3, 2009 in Lahore, Pakistan. The Pakistani army on Sunday accused the Taliban of "gross violation" of a peace pact in the northwest's Swat Valley, even as the regional government tried to boost the deal by creating an Islamic appeals court demanded by the insurgents.

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that peace deals allow the insurgents time and room to strengthen.

Taliban and al-Qaida fighters already have strongholds along Pakistan's border regions from which to plan attacks on U.S. and NATO forces in neighboring Afghanistan, and American leaders don't want to see Swat turn into a sanctuary for them.

Sunday, the Swat Taliban started patrolling Mingora, the valley's main town, in response to military patrols, Taliban spokesman Muslim Khan said.

"We are not violating the peacedeal. This is government and security forces who are doing that. We have started armed patrols in response to security forces patrols. We will keep on doing that if

they do, and we wouldn't if they don't. We have a right to defend ourselves," Khan said.

In recent weeks, the militants have moved into Buner, a district just 60 miles from Islamabad. The proximity of the district to the capital raised alarms domestically and abroad, and Pakistan's military went on the offensive over the past week to drive the Taliban out.

An army statement Sunday said 80 militants including an important local commander had been killed, along with three soldiers. But the army's statement focused much more on Swat itself.

It accused militants there of looting a bank, attacking a power grid and blowing up part of a bridge. It said security forces discovered at least three explosives-laden vehicles apparently intended for suicide attacks.

The militants were "in gross violation of the peace accord" and their actions threatened "the lives of the (civilian) population, civil administration as well as security forces personnel," the army statement said.

On top of that list, two security personnel were discovered with their throats slit and their bodies and faces mutilated Sunday in Swat, a security official said on condition of anonymity

because he was not authorized to talk to media on the record.

The Taliban spokesman said the men were killed in revenge for the military's killing of two insurgents.

The government ordered a curfew for Swat from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., said Khushal Khan, an administrator who also confirmed the militant patrols. It was unclear what officials could do if the militants ignored the order.

The dangerous nature of Swat made it difficult to independently verify the army's accusations Sunday.

Even as the government and the militants hardened their positions, officials in Pakistan's northwest sought to keep the peace deal alive, insisting that the pact retains, at the very least, symbolic value.

Officials announced Saturday that they had set up an Islamic appeals court as their part of the deal. A speedier justice system has long been a demand of Swat residents, and setting up the court takes away a grievance that militants have exploited, officials say.

A cleric mediating the pact however rejected the panel.

By carrying out their part of the agreement, officials say, the government can gain more support from the public to take action against the Taliban if the militants violate the pact. Many Swat residents desperate for a stop to the fighting welcomed the deal, even if it didn't evict the Taliban.

Still, the army's harsh stance does not guarantee a return to fighting in Swat itself. Some two years of clashes between the two sides killed hundreds and displaced up to one-third of Swat's 1.5 million residents before the peace deal was crafted.

The army, which has struggled in the field of counterinsurgency, could not keep the militants from taking control of most of the valley. It's unclear that it has the capacity to defeat the Swat Taliban now or the stomach to try.

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Sri Lanka may pardon surrendering rebel fighters

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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Sri Lanka's government says it is considering an amnesty for Tamil Tiger rebels who surrender — although not for leaders of the insurgency, which is facing defeat after 25 years of civil war. Human Rights Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe said Sunday that officials from the attorney general's department were studying the legal basis for a possible pardon for separatists who surrender but that a final decision had not been made. He said any offer would not be open to rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran and others convicted in Sri Lanka for

various attacks or wanted in neighboring India for the 1991 assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. "The leadership will be dealt with under the laws of the country," Samarasinghe said. Gandhi was blown up by a suspected Tamil Tiger female suicide bomber at an election rally in southern India in apparent revenge for sending a peacekeeping force to Sri Lanka in 1987. Samarasinghe said the government also plans to offer vocational training for surrendering rebels to help them reintegrate into society. Tamil Tiger leaders have vowed no surrender. Every fighter is meant to wear a cyanide capsule and swears an

oath to swallow the capsule to avoid capture. But the government says a number of rebels have already given themselves up, including the group's former media spokesman and an interpreter for its political wing. Separately, the Tamil Tigers' political head, Balasingham Nadesan, wrote Saturday to British Foreign Secretary David Miliband and his French counterpart, Bernard Kouchner, saying the insurgents are ready to "engage in the process to bring about a cease-fire and enter into negotiations for an enduring resolution to the conflict." Excerpts of Nadesan's letter were e-mailed to news organizations.



Displaced Sri Lankan ethnic Tamils in the congested No Fire Zone, which is controlled by the Tamil Tiger rebels, as a Tiger carder, in a blue shirt in the background, patrols in Mullivaaykaal, Sri Lanka, Friday, May 1, 2009.
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Miliband and Kouchner visited Sri Lanka last week to press for a truce, but the government refused to let up its offensive, saying it is on the verge of victory. Fighting continued Sunday. The military said it captured a 500-yard (meter) -long earth fortification erected by the rebels to slow the army's advance. Military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara said the rebels were now confined to just a 2.8-mile (4.5-kilometer) coastal stretch in the northeast. He did not give casualty details from the

battle. An estimated 50,000 noncombatants are trapped in the tiny strip along with the cornered rebels. A recent United Nations report said about 6,500 civilians were killed in the area in the past three months. The rebels have fought since 1983 to create an independent homeland for ethnic minority Tamils, who have suffered decades of marginalization by successive governments controlled by majority ethnic Sinhalese. More than 70,000 people have been killed in the violence.

Austria: Suspect arrested in poisoning of 5 people

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VIENNA (AP) — Police in Vienna arrested a man suspected of slipping drugs into drinks at a crowded bar Sunday, causing five people to collapse. Authorities said all five victims were hospitalized in life-threatening condition. Investigators said they were still trying to determine a motive for the attack, which happened on a sunny afternoon at a small bar packed with up to 50 people enjoying an "after hours" party. Authorities were called to the scene when customers at a sidewalk ice cream salon across the street from the bar saw the five victims fall to the ground. "We got an emergency call at 5 p.m.," said police spokeswoman Iris Seper. She said officers later took the unidentified suspect into custody after witnesses said they had seen a man offering the victims drinks. Investigators said it was

unclear exactly what substance had been added to the drinks, but that it appeared to be some kind of narcotic. Seper said the victims drank freely, apparently unaware that anything was amiss. The five — three men and two women, all in their 20s — were taken to several hospitals around Vienna, Seper said. Police would not say whether the suspect was employed at the bar in Vienna's central Alsergrund district or had any other connection to the establishment. It also was unclear whether the five victims knew each other and whether their attacker had singled them out or targeted them. The bar where Sunday's attack took place is one of dozens of cafes, taverns and restaurants nestled in the Stadtbahnboegen — arched spaces beneath elevated tramway trestles. The neighborhood is situated on the Guertel, a main thoroughfare ringing the Austrian capital.



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Irate pig farmers clash with police in Egypt

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CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian police and armored cars charged into a crowd of a 1,000 irate pig farmers armed with stones and bottles, leaving 12 people injured as residents of a Cairo slum resisted government efforts to slaughter the nation's pigs to guard against swine flu.

Cairo security chief Maj. Gen. Ismail Shaer said 14 people were arrested. Seven police were among the injured in the clashes with largely Christian garbage collectors who raise pigs on the refuse and live in the teeming slums of Manishyet Nasr outside the capital.

The farmers blocked the road leading to their pig pens and hurled rocks and bottles at police, who responded by charging them with armored cars and firing tear gas. Some 200 policemen then surrounded the neighborhood backed by a half dozen police trucks.

Egypt last week ordered the slaughter of all the country's 300,000 pigs even though no cases of swine flu have been reported here. The World Health Organization has said the move was unnecessary because the virus is being spread through humans.

On Sunday the organization reiterated its message that pork, ham and sausages are all safe to eat.

Authorities have now expanded the rationale for the slaughter beyond swine flu to a larger campaign against unsanitary pig farming conditions, particularly in the Cairo slums where the garbage collectors live.

The campaign has been met from the start by protests and resistance from pig owners. The consumption and raising of pigs is largely restricted to the country's Christian minority, estimated at 10 percent of the population. Muslims consider pork unclean and generally do not eat it.

"We were surprised by the tremendous objection by the garbage collectors. They fired guns, and they threw stones and bottles," Maj. Gen. Mohammed Nabawi, head of the Cairo Beautification Authority, told The Associated Press. He said that healthy pigs are being slaughtered for their meat while the pregnant and babies are being destroyed.

Cairo's predominantly Christian population of garbage collectors, known as the zabaleen, roam the streets of the sprawling



Protesting pig farmers clash with Egyptian riot police at the neighborhood of Manishyet Nasr at the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt Sunday May 3, 2009. Egyptian police fired tear gas and clashed with irate pig farmers Sunday, leaving 12 people injured as owners resisted the government's attempt to slaughter all the nation's pigs to guard against swine flu.

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city's wealthier neighborhoods collecting its garbage. They bring the refuse back to their homes and dump it in their courtyards, sorting through it for material to recycle. Pigs and other animals feed off the organic matter while the rest is reprocessed in crude workshops.

Isaac Mikhail, the head of the garbage collectors association, said 65,000 pigs live in the slum of Manishyet Nasr, providing a livelihood for some 55,000 people in the area.

He said farmers were enraged when the government slaughtered 600 of their pigs and then only paid them half of the going market rate of about 55 cents a pound (\$1.20 a kilogram).

"If the government wants to slaughter (the pigs), they should pay a just price. How can people live?" he asked, estimating that a quarter of a million people in Cairo, a city of 18 million, are involved in pig farming.

Milad Ladid, a 33-year-old running a recycling workshop,

couldn't understand why Egypt was killing its pigs when no one else in the world was.

"In Mexico, and elsewhere in the world, where they had infected people, no one decided to slaughter pigs. Why us? Why are we slaughtering pigs here while we have no reported cases?" he said.

Pigs flowed around Marzouqa Moussa, a middle-aged woman standing outside her small home, where she also sorts through

trash.

"We bring the garbage here and sort it and we feed the pigs," said Marzouqa Moussa, a middle aged woman dressed in a dark robe, surrounded by dozens of pigs. "We were born here and we live here," she added, gesturing toward her simple living area adorned with a picture of Jesus Christ next to a room piled high with reeking garbage bags. A third room of the house was given over to the pigs.

The introduction of modern garbage services in many parts of the city over the last five years has already cost the zabaleen some of their livelihood.

In 2008, President Hosni Mubarak ordered all animal rearing, particularly pigs and chickens, to be moved out of populated areas for hygienic reasons. The order was never implemented, however, and authorities say the current crisis is a perfect opportunity.

Pig raising will be restarted in two years at specially constructed farms in the countryside using newly imported animals, officials from the Ministry of Agriculture told Egyptian media.

"Everything Egypt has decided to do — despite the noise it caused here and there — first and foremost aims at protecting human health, and the health of the Egyptian people which is worth all the efforts and the measures taken," presidential spokesman Suleiman Awwad said Sunday.

State TV: Tuareg rebels in Niger release hostage

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NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — Tuareg rebels fighting the government of Niger released their last hostage on Sunday, an interior minister said on state TV.

The state television station broadcast images of Mamane Louali, who was captured in June 2007, being released at the airport in Agadez, a town in the country's far north and one of the traditional bases of the nomadic Tuaregs.

The Niger Movement for Justice, known by its French abbreviation MNJ, has taken dozens of Nigerien soldiers hostage in their fight against the government of Niger. They accuse the government of marginalizing the Tuareg minority.

There was no immediate confirmation of the hostage release on the MNJ's Web site. A statement posted on the rebel site April 13 cast doubt on the recent peace negotiations, facilitated by neighboring Libya.

Minister of the Interior Albade Abouba said the hostage released was the last of dozens that the MNJ had captured. He said Louali's release comes as President Mamadou Tandja, on an official visit to Agadez, agreed for the first

time to meet with MNJ representatives.

The rebel group launched an uprising in 2007, claiming the government had failed to come through on promises brokered during an earlier 1995 peace accord with the Tuaregs.

Throughout the two-year conflict, Tandja refused to meet with the MNJ or even to refer to the rebels by name, calling them "drug traffickers" or "armed bandits," words that became accepted government code for the Tuareg militia.

Besides the MNJ, Abouda said the president will also meet with representatives of other armed Tuareg factions.

For decades, the lighter-skinned nomads have claimed that they have been ignored by Niger's government, ruled from the southern city of Niamey by darker-skinned Africans. The long-festering conflict took on a new dimension with the exploitation of uranium in the country's northern desert. Tandja on Monday is expected to accompany representatives of French energy giant Areva at a ceremony marking the beginning of a new uranium project in Imouraren, not far from Agadez.

Niger produces 3,000 tons of uranium, but starting in 2011, the Imouraren site is expected to boost Niger's uranium production to 5,000 tons per year.

French naval forces detain 11 suspected pirates off Somalia

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NAIROBI, Kenya — A French naval vessel intercepted 11 suspected pirates traveling off the Somali coast on Sunday in two assault vessels and a so-called “mothership” loaded with Kalashnikovs and rocket launchers, the French Defense Ministry said.

It was the French ship’s third pirate intervention in a month. France has been the most aggressive in pursuing pirates out of more than a dozen nations patrolling shipping routes in the Gulf of Aden.

Another three suspected pirates were detained

Saturday by the Seychelles coast guard, which had been alerted by the French warship Nivose after European officials decided there was not enough evidence to hold them.

French Defense Ministry spokesman Christophe Prazuck said the 11 new suspects were intercepted Sunday morning about 560 miles off Somalia’s coast. They had been traveling with a pirate mothership — a larger vessel often used to tow speed boats hundreds of miles out to sea and resupply them in open water. Prazuck said it was still unclear what France would do with the new suspects.

Meanwhile, the three suspects

arrested by the Seychelles coast guard vessel the Andromache were expected Sunday evening in port in the islands that depend heavily on tourism, according to Brigitte Ahshung at the Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation.

Prazuck said the three had previously been detained and interrogated by sailors aboard the Nivose, after being pulled off a 32-foot fishing boat loaded with 13 barrels of fuel, water and food but no weapons.

Last month, the Nivose delivered 11 suspected pirates to Kenya.

Pirates are now holding 17 ships and around 300 crew, including the Greek-owned cargo ship Ariana, hijacked



A Dec. 24, 2005, photo of the Adriana leaving port in Santos, Brazil. A NATO spokesman said Saturday, May 2, 2009, that Somali pirates have hijacked the British-owned cargo ship crewed by Ukrainians. Lt. Cmdr. Alexandre Santos Fernandes says the Maltese-flagged Ariana was hijacked northwest of the Seychelles islands about 1,000 miles from NATO’s operating area.

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early Saturday with a Ukrainian crew.

On Friday, a Portuguese warship seized explosives from suspected Somali pirates after thwarting an attack on an oil tanker, but later freed the 19 men. It was the first time NATO forces found pirates armed with raw explosives, spokesman

Lt. Cmdr. Fernandes said.

The attack on the Ariana — about 1,000 miles from the sea corridor NATO guards — the seizure of explosives may indicate the pirates are adapting their tactics as crews become better trained in counter-piracy measures. Explosives can also be used in illegal fishing.



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Protests erupt in Nepal after PM fires army chief



Supporters of Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) march to support the decision taken by Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal to fire army chief Rookmangud Katawal, in Katmandu, Nepal, Sunday, May 3, 2009.

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BINAJ GURUBACHARYA — Nepal's prime minister fired Maoist rebel fighters to the Associated Press Writer the army chief Sunday after a military, sparking mass protests KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) struggle over admitting former and jeopardizing the survival

of the country's first elected government.

President Ram Baran Yadav, meanwhile, rejected the government decision and wrote to the army chief, Rookmangud Katawal, to continue in his position, calling the sacking unconstitutional.

The president's letter was delivered to Katawal's office almost at midnight with copies also sent to Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal's residence.

The president's orders have further deepened the crisis.

Since centuries-old monarchy was abolished last year, the position of president was created and Yadav was the first elected to the office. The army is officially under the command of the president, not the prime minister.

However, since the country's constitution is being rewritten, many things are unclear including who has the power to actually fire the army chief.

The president is a member of the Nepali Congress, the main opposition party, which vowed to fight the prime minister's decision. The army chief's dismissal prompted a key political party to withdraw from the ruling coalition and frayed already tense relations between the government, dominated by former Maoist rebels, and the military they long fought.

The fallout could pose the biggest challenge yet for Nepal's troubled leaders who are new to politics and already struggling to provide basic services in the impoverished Himalayan nation. The dispute between Prime Minister Dahal, a former Maoist rebel leader, and army chief centered on the difficult question of how to integrate former rebels into the ranks of the army they fought for a decade — as required by a U.N.-brokered peace agreement.

Since giving up their bloody rebellion in 2006 and joining the political mainstream, the Maoists have confined their fighters to U.N.-monitored camps and locked up their weapons. Dahal wanted them freed and admitted to the national army but Katawal resisted the move and clashed repeatedly with the government over the issue.

The government says Katawal also ignored orders to stop recruiting soldiers, boycotted last month's national games, and allowing eight army generals to continue working past their tenure.

"The army chief was removed because he failed to give a satisfactory explanation on why the government orders were ignored," said Information Minister Krishna Bahadur Mahara.

The Communist Party of Nepal (United Marxist Leninist), the second largest party in the coalition government, withdrew from the coalition Sunday "to protest the prime minister's unilateral decision," the party's general secretary, Ishwar Pokhrel, said.

Leaders from several smaller parties walked out of the Cabinet meeting after Dahal announced his decision. They were debating Sunday night whether to withdraw their support completely.

Political analysts said the government could be on the brink of collapse.

"It has become almost impossible for the Maoists to remain in government in the present situation," said Ameet Dhakal, editor of Republica, a leading newspaper in the capital Katmandu. "It's a big crisis for the country now."

Thousands of demonstrators filled Katmandu's streets Sunday, some to support the Maoist government and others to protest. Maoist supporters, waving red flags, called the army chief's sacking a "victory for people's rule" while the opposition blocked traffic and burned tires in protest.

Police were on high alert and security troops turned out in full force to prevent any violence. There were no reported injuries. Anger is high in Nepal, where much of the public blames the Maoists for the power outages that can last more than 16 hours a day, the fuel shortages that have made for endless lines at gas stations, and the rising price of food and household staples.

But the Maoists are still revolutionary heroes to many, especially among rural villagers who voted them into power last year in Nepal's first elections. The centuries-old monarchy was abolished soon after.

Krishna Khanal, a political science professor at Tribhuvan University in Katmandu, said the Maoists could still survive the crisis.

"If the smaller parties decide to support the Maoists, then they can still run the government," he said. "But there is no immediate solution to the present political crisis."



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Helicopter crash kills 18 people in Venezuela

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Seventeen Venezuelan soldiers and a civilian were killed when a military helicopter crashed Sunday near the Colombian border, the state news agency reported. A brigadier general was among those killed. President Hugo Chavez said the soldiers were patrolling the 1,400-mile border separating Venezuela and Colombia when the local military base lost contact with their Mi-17 helicopter shortly after midday. The helicopter crashed near the town of El Alto de Rubio, the state-run Bolivarian News Agency reported. Two pilots and the entire crew were killed. Army Brig. Gen. Domingo Alberto Feneite and Cristian Velazquez, a

civilian, were among the victims, according to the state news agency. Chavez sent condolences to the families of the victims during his weekly television and radio program. "They died while they were on duty and serving the fatherland," he said. Neither Chavez nor the Venezuelan military mentioned the cause of the crash. Chavez lamented that dozens of Venezuelansoldiers have lost their lives in recent years trying during their duties to prevent violence from Colombia's decades-long armed conflict from spilling over into Venezuela. The socialist leader also rebuked U.S. allegations that his government has failed to prevent border incursions by Colombian rebels and right-wing paramilitaries. "They say we don't patrol

the border. How many lives has Colombia's conflict cost us Venezuelans? Eighteen Venezuelans dead today," Chavez quipped. The U.S. State Department's annual assessment of terrorism released last week said Venezuela "did not systematically police" the border. It said both Colombian rebels and right-wing paramilitaries "regularly crossed into Venezuelan territory to rest and regroup as well as to extort protection money." Chavez — a fierce critic of U.S. foreign policy — said he told U.S. President Barack Obama at the recent Americas Summit that he's willing to help broker possible peace talks in Colombia, then added: "It would be great of Obama were to say it, and seek peace instead of fueling the war."



In this photo provided by Miraflores Press Office, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez speaks during his TV show "Hello President" in Caracas, Sunday, May 3, 2009. Chavez announced Sunday that 18 Venezuelan soldiers died in a helicopter crash near Venezuela's border with Colombia while on patrol. Gen. Domingo Alberto Feneite was among the victims.
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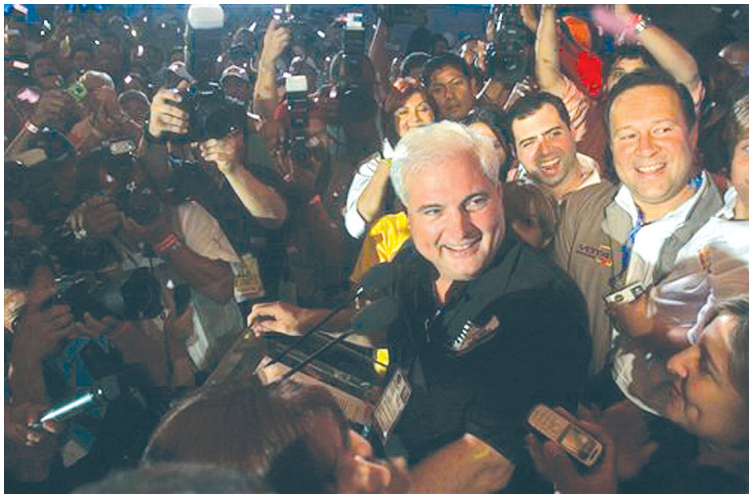
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Supermarket magnate wins Panama presidential vote



Panama's presidential candidate Ricardo Martinelli, center, gives his victory speech after winning the election in Panama City, Sunday, May 3, 2009. Panama's Electoral Tribunal announced the supermarket magnate Martinelli won the Central American nation's presidential elections. Martinelli's running mate Juan Carlos Varela is seen second right holding a child.

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PANAMA CITY (AP) — Conservative supermarket magnate Ricardo Martinelli won Panama's presidential elections in a landslide Sunday, promising to guide the country through the world economic crisis and an

ambitious expansion of the Panama Canal.

The win by Martinelli, of the opposition Alliance for Change, marked a rare center-right election triumph in a region that has seen a wave of leftist leaders.

Electoral Tribunal President Erasmo Pinilla

called Martinelli, 57, the "indisputable winner" after preliminary results showed him with 61 percent support and ruling-party candidate Balbina Herrera with 37 percent. Former President Guillermo Endara was a distant third. The winner was announced with more than 80 percent of the votes counted. The U.S.-educated, pro-business Martinelli, who owns Panama's largest supermarket chain, said he would work for a national unity government because "that is what the country is counting on."

"Tomorrow we will all be Panamanians and we will change this country so that it has a good health system, good education, good transportation and good security," he said.

Herrera, a 54-year-old former housing minister under President Martin Torrijos, conceded defeat late Sunday and promised to respect the results.

She vowed to form "a responsible but very energetic

opposition because we have stopped being a country of economic growth, with our house in order and a canal expansion plan in march."

The winner, whose five-year term starts on July 1, will have to guide Panama through the global economic crisis and the \$5.25 billion expansion of the canal to increase its capacity and accommodate larger ships. The canal is Panama's economic motor.

Both Martinelli and Herrera supported the canal expansion, but recent world economic woes have generated uncertainty over the project, which is receiving \$2.3 billion in international financing.

The canal project, which was approved in a 2006 referendum, is expected to create about 5,000 direct jobs in the small Central American nation between 2010 and 2011, when construction is at its peak, according to authorities.

The ruling party's popularity was undermined by the economic crisis, slowing

growth and crime.

Panama's economy grew by an annual average of 8.7 percent over the past five years, and unemployment fell from 12 percent to 5.6 percent. The growth was fueled by foreign and state investment by the outgoing Torrijos government.

But growth this year is projected to be just 3-4 percent.

Amid the growing economic gloom, Martinelli played up his business experience as owner of the Super 99 supermarket chain. He has a degree from the University of Arkansas.

During his campaign, he vowed to attract foreign investment and promote free trade, particularly with Panama's main trading partner, the United States. Panama has agreed a free trade accord with the United States, which has been held up in the U.S. Congress by concerns about Panamanian labor rights and tax evasion.

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Boston Globe's Guild says its cuts exceed demand

BOSTON — The Boston more than the \$10 million in The New York Times Co. last
Globe's largest union said cuts sought by its owner to month threatened to close the
late Sunday it had proposed keep the newspaper running. 137-year-old Globe unless its

unions agreed to \$20 million in labor concessions. The Globe's largest union, the Boston Newspaper Guild, was asked to make \$10 million in cuts.

In a statement released two hours before a midnight deadline Sunday, the Guild said its proposal calls for "tremendous sacrifices, across virtually all categories of compensation and benefits."

It was unclear whether the Globe's other unions had made proposals for the remaining \$10 million in cuts.

The Times co. would not comment on the Guild's proposal.

"We have not reached an agreement. The deadline is midnight tonight," Times Co. spokeswoman Catherine Mathis said in an e-mail.

The Guild did not release specifics on what kinds of wage or benefit cuts it had

proposed to the Times Co. The union said further details would be made public once all Guild members have had a chance to review them.

Like many other newspapers, the Globe has been struggling amid declining advertising revenues and dropping circulation as readers migrate to the Internet. The Globe had \$50 million in operating losses in 2008 and is projected to lose \$85 million this year.

The Times Co., which bought the Globe in 1993, has said that of all its newspaper properties, the Globe has been the most dramatically affected by the recession and the advertising downturn.

New York Times Co. Chairman Arthur Sulzberger Jr. said at the company's annual shareholders meeting last month that more needed to be done to align the Globe's costs and revenues.

Economy buffeting student pilots, flight schools

DAYTON, Ohio — Ivan Nogalo can often hear small planes buzzing over his machine shop in Cleveland. "You want to be up there," the 33-year-old said.

But Nogalo can't be. The would-be pilot has been grounded because the economy has forced him to tighten his belt.

It's the same for Ryan Fisher, who spent an estimated \$10,000 on flying lessons before losing his job with a real estate developer. The 37-year-old was two weeks short of being certified as a private pilot when he couldn't afford further training.

"It's frustrating," said Fisher, of Cleveland Heights. "I miss being up in the airplane, that sense of freedom. It's kind of transcendental." The slumping economy has forced some student pilots to put their dreams of flying on hold, threatened to accelerate the decline of the U.S. pilot population, and put a financial chokehold on flight schools.

The number of U.S. pilots has fallen more than 25 percent from a 1980 peak of about 827,000 to about 590,000 at the end of 2008, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

While there are no more recent figures, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association is seeing some anecdotal evidence that the economy is taking a toll, said Chris Dancy, spokesman for the Frederick, Md.-based organization.

"Flight training is done with disposable income," Dancy said. "It is very common in economic down times for flight training to fall off."

It usually costs between \$6,000 and \$9,000 to get a private pilot's license, according to Dancy.

Ryan Gessel, 26, of San Francisco, has wanted to fly for nearly three years, hoping to fly for pleasure as well as to see clients in northern California as an account manager for a brewing company. He began taking flying lessons last summer and had gotten four or five hours under his belt when the economy went into a nosedive.

Gessel's salary became uncertain, and while he has since gotten a new position in the company, he is not sure how much he'll be paid.

"There is a lot of uncertainty, so I didn't see it as the smartest move to put \$10,000

into something that isn't really considered a priority," Gessel said. "It's kind of frustrating. But the dream is definitely still there."

Economic conditions have also forced some pilots who already have licenses to give up flying.

Marty Helms, of Wake Forest, N.C., got his license in 2006 and would fly to visit family and friends in Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Last May, Helms began to re-evaluate the money he was spending on aviation as the economy began to sour, the price of fuel began to skyrocket and his friends started losing their jobs. The 40-year-old hasn't flown since.

Helms estimates it would cost him \$3,000 to complete the training hours needed to resume flying. Then add in the cost of fuel and renting aircraft. And there is the economy, which makes his financial future uncertain.

"It's not something that motivates you to stay in a hobby like aviation," Helms said. "I miss it. There is nothing more rewarding than the flying."

Richard Syrov, of Kitchener, Ontario, has a private license and was pursuing a license to fly commercially in hopes of making aviation his career. But the economy made openings for pilots scarce, and the 22-year-old college student, who took a part-time job marketing knives to pay for his training, couldn't afford to continue. He last flew in June.

"When you take a part-time job, your checks are going to be part-time," Syrov said.

Flying lessons are down 50 percent from a year ago at the New Flyers Association, a flight club at the Ohio State University Airport in Columbus that has seven airplanes and 120 members. President Dick Willis blames the economy and uncertain financial futures of the students.

"They don't know what's going to happen," Willis said. "They're keeping their money in their mattresses."

At Moraine Airpark in suburban Dayton, the pool of students has dwindled from 30 to 10. The school accounts for about 25 percent of the airport's income.

"It hurts us pretty bad," said manager George Bockerstette.



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Sean O'Hair rallies to win Quail Hollow

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Standing on the 18th tee, Sean O'Hair asked his caddie where he stood in the Quail Hollow Championship and got word that he had a one-shot lead.

"Over who?" O'Hair replied.

It wasn't Tiger Woods. It might not have mattered.

Five weeks after blowing a five-shot lead at Bay Hill against the world's No. 1 player, O'Hair was determined to keep putting himself in contention until he figured out how to win down the stretch.

That time came Sunday against one of the strongest fields of the year, with Woods in his rearview mirror.



Sean O'Hair holds the championship trophy after his win in the Quail Hollow Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, May 3, 2009. O'Hair won with an 11-under par score of 277.

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Coach among injured in Cowboys' roof collapse

DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writers

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys special teams coach Joe DeCamillis broke his back and 11 more were injured when winds just shy of tornado strength ripped through the roof of the team's indoor practice facility on Saturday.

The storm hit while 27 rookie players were going through workouts. There were about 70 people in the facility, counting coaches, other team personnel and media, officials said.

Ten of the injured were taken by emergency vehicles. Two others went to hospitals on their own. Names and details of their injuries were not released due to privacy issues.

Former coach Dan Reeves, DeCamillis' father-in-law, said the first-year Dallas assistant has a couple of broken vertebrae in his lower back.

Reeves added DeCamillis probably will have surgery. The coach was seen being removed on a stretcher wearing a neck brace.

"This worked out very, very well from a medical point of view," said Dr. Paul Pepe, head of emergency medical services for Dallas County Hospital. "Right now, I think we don't have anybody who is in a life-threatening situation."

The six-year-old white, tent-like building is large enough to be seen from miles (kilometers) away.

"I saw it coming down and didn't have time to react," secondary coach Dave Campo said. "I hit the ground and was able to get back up."

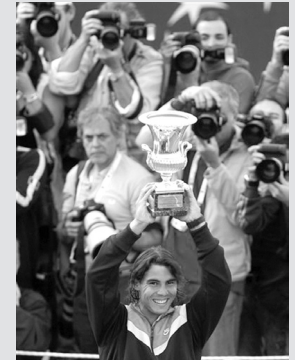
The storm was producing winds measured at 64 mph (103 kph) just before it struck the Cowboys facility, said National Weather Service meteorologist Joe Harris in Fort Worth.



Firefighters investigate the collapsed canopy that covered the Dallas Cowboys indoor football facility in Irving, Texas, on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Four Cowboys staff members were injured when the roof collapsed on Saturday. Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said all of the players and coaches were accounted for, and he didn't know the extent of the injuries to the four staff members who were hospitalized.

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"We're lucky no one got electrocuted with all the water in the building," head coach Wade Phillips said. "A couple of players had minor injuries, but they were all right."



Spain's Rafael Nadal lifts up the trophy after beating Serbia's Novak Djokovic in a final match at the Italian Rome Masters tennis tournament in Rome, Sunday, May 3, 2009. Nadal won 7-6 (2), 6-2.

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Rafa Nadal wins record fourth Rome Masters title

ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Rafael Nadal won his record fourth Rome Masters title Sunday, beating defending champion Novak Djokovic 7-6 (2), 6-2. It's the third clay-court title in three weeks for the top-ranked Spaniard, following victories at the Monte Carlo Masters and the Barcelona Open.

"For sure it's one of the biggest wins of my career," Nadal said. "It's always incredible to win in Rome."

Nadal extended his winning streak on clay to 30 matches, stretching back to an opening-round loss to Juan Carlos Ferrero in Rome last year.

By failing to defend his title, Djokovic will lose the No. 3 ranking to Andy Murray on May 11, when last year's points drop out. The 21-year-old Serb has been No. 3 since August 2007.

AL Roundup

Crawford swipes six bases in Rays win

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Carl Crawford tied a modern major league record with six stolen bases to help the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Boston Red Sox 5-3 on Sunday for its first series win in the American League in nearly a month.

Crawford was 4-for-4 with an RBI and became the fourth player to swipe six bases in a game, joining Eddie Collins, Otis Nixon, and Eric Young. James Shields (3-2) shrugged off a shaky start to pitch into the eighth inning, and Tampa Bay won three of four, outscoring the Red Sox 30-15 and improving to 5-2 against its AL East rivals. The Rays had dropped six consecutive series since taking two of three from Boston when the teams met at Fenway Park the opening week of the season.

Brad Penny (2-1) took the loss.

Tigers 3, Indians 1

At Detroit, Justin Verlander struck out 11 and Curtis Granderson delivered another go-ahead hit as Detroit beat Cleveland.

Verlander (2-2) allowed one run and two hits in seven innings. Last Monday, he fanned nine in seven shutout innings against the New York Yankees.

Granderson's RBI double in the seventh put Detroit ahead 2-1. On Saturday, Granderson hit a two-run homer in the eighth to beat the Indians.

Cliff Lee (1-4) already has lost more games this season than he did last year, when he went 22-3 and won the AL Cy Young pitching award.

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 3

At Toronto, Vernon Wells hit a two-run homer and Alex Rios added a solo shot as Toronto completed a three-game sweep of Baltimore. The Orioles have lost six

straight and 14 of 17 following a 6-2 start. Baltimore is 0-12 this season when scoring fewer than five runs.

Scott Richmond (4-0) won his fourth straight start, allowing three runs — two earned — and five hits in seven innings, matching a career high. He walked two and struck out six.

Richmond, who lowered his ERA to 2.67, has not allowed more than three earned runs in any of his 10 major league starts, including five in 2008.

Jesse Carlson worked the eighth and Scott Downs, pitching in his third straight game, closed it out for his third save.

Baltimore right-hander Jeremy Guthrie (2-2) allowed six hits in eight innings, his second career complete game. He walked one and struck out three.

Royals 7, Twins 5

At Minneapolis, Jose Guillen homered and drove in four runs, rallying Kansas City past Minnesota after Twins starter Scott Baker carried a no-hit bid into the seventh inning.

Guillen's three-run shot accounted for the first runs off Baker (0-4), who flirted with Minnesota's first no-hitter since 1999. But he gave up five consecutive hits in the seventh and failed to record an out as the Royals overcame their largest deficit this season to take two of three in the series.

Kansas City starter Gil Meche (2-2) lasted six innings and a season-high 116 pitches after leaving his previous start at Toronto with lower back stiffness.

Mariners 8, Athletics 7, 15 innings

At Seattle, Jose Lopez blooped an RBI single in the 15th inning as Seattle, after



Tampa Bay Rays' Carl Crawford takes off for a steal of second base during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox Sunday, May 3, 2009, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Associated Press

pulling off a pair of late rallies, beat Oakland in the longest game in the majors this season.

Kenji Johjima hit a tying homer in the ninth off Russ Springer, and Ichiro Suzuki's two-out single in the 13th capped a three-run comeback for Seattle. A throwing error by Dana Eveland (1-2), who started Friday night and pitched 4 2-3 innings, set up the winning run.

The game lasted 5 hours, 2 minutes. It was the longest game by innings and time in 2009, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

Jason Vargas (1-0), called up Saturday from Triple-A Tacoma, got the win. It was his first big league appearance since July 2007 with the Mets.

Mike Sweeney and Jack Cust each hit a two-run homer for the A's.



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NL Roundup

Cueto dominating, Reds top Pirates 5-0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Johnny Cueto limited the Pirates to four singles while striking out nine batters in eight dominating innings as the Cincinnati Reds blanked Pittsburgh 5-0 on Sunday for another road series victory. Ramon Hernandez drove in three runs in the win as the Reds pitched shutouts in each of their two victories in the three-game series and now have won each of their four series on the road, where they are 9-4. Their five shutouts in 24 games lead the majors and are only one fewer than last season's total. Cueto (2-1) was in control from the start, striking out three of the

first four batters he faced. He now has allowed two runs in 26 2-3 innings over his last four starts — an 0.67 ERA that lowered his season's ERA to 1.65.

Astros 7, Braves 5

At Atlanta, Michael Bourn had three hits, including a seventh-inning single to drive in the go-ahead run, as the Houston beat Atlanta to win a series in Atlanta for the first time in five years.

Bourn's bunt single was the first of four straight hits for the Astros in a three-run sixth inning. He broke a 4-4 tie by driving in Geoff Blum with a single off Peter Moylan in the seventh.

Bourn then stole second and

third and scored on Carlos Lee's sacrifice fly.

The Astros took two of three for their first series win at Turner Field since May 7-9, 2004.

Brewers 4, Diamondbacks 3

At Milwaukee, Prince Fielder and Mike Cameron hit back-to-back homers as Milwaukee beat Arizona to split their four-game series. The Brewers squandered a three-run lead by giving up three homers in the seventh inning, but they regrouped. Chris Duffy hit an RBI groundout in the eighth, and Trevor Hoffman closed it out.

Fielder and Cameron connected early, and Corey Hart added



Cincinnati Reds starter Johnny Cueto pitches against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the second inning of the baseball game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, May 3, 2009.

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an RBI single in the fifth off Diamondbacks starter Yusmeiro Petit to build a 3-0 cushion.

Mark Reynolds, Justin Upton and Miguel Montero each hit a solo shot in the seventh off Brewers starter Dave Bush.

Cubs 6, Marlins 4

At Chicago, Derrek Lee hit a grand slam shortly after Chicago ace Carlos Zambrano hurt himself beating out a bunt single in a win over Florida.

Zambrano strained his left hamstring and left the game in the fifth inning. Lee connected four batters later for a 6-2 lead.

Mike Fontenot also homered for the Cubs, who won their third straight after losing seven of nine.

John Baker homered, doubled and singled for the Marlins, who have lost 10 of 13 since starting the season 11-1.

Giants 1, Rockies 0

At San Francisco, Rich Aurilia drove in Steve Holm with a 10th-inning single to end a pitching-dominated afternoon with San Francisco's victory over Colorado.

Barry Zito pitched seven innings of two-hit ball in another outstanding start for the Giants, retiring 15 straight batters and allowing just one runner to reach second base. Jason Hammel matched Zito with six scoreless innings in just his second start for the Rockies.

After Brandon Medders (1-1) stranded two Colorado runners in the 10th, Holm drew a leadoff walk from Manuel Corpas (0-2). After Randy Winn sacrificed him to second, Aurilia singled sharply to left-center, easily scoring the Giants' backup catcher.

Dodgers 7, Padres 3

At Los Angeles, Chad Billingsley completed seven innings for the third straight start, Orlando Hudson drove in three runs with a pair of doubles as Los Angeles beat San Diego to set a franchise record for the best home winning streak to begin a season.

The 10-0 start at Chavez Ravine eclipsed the mark set at Ebbets Field by the 1946 Brooklyn Dodgers, when current manager Joe Torre was 5 years old and growing up in the borough.

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Hawks advance with one final blowout of Heat 91-78

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — The final blowout went to Atlanta, so it's the Hawks who'll get a shot at LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Joe Johnson scored 27 points to make up for a mostly disappointing series and the Hawks won the first Game 7 ever played in Atlanta, beating Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat 91-78 Sunday to advance to the second round of the NBA playoffs for the first time in a decade.

A series totally devoid of drama ended in appropriate fashion. After a back-and-forth first quarter that ended with Atlanta ahead 20-18, the Hawks pulled out to a 49-36 lead by halftime.

They might as well have started the celebration right then. There were only 15 lead changes in seven games — not one of them after the opening period. Every game was decided by at least 10 points, and this one wasn't nearly as close as the final margin.

Johnson got off to a sluggish start but came alive when the Hawks needed him. His most dramatic shot was a long 3-pointer over Wade from out near Atlanta's winged logo at center court, which left the Miami star standing there with a look of disbelief.

The Hawks turned the contest into a laugher in the final quarter. Flip Murray hit a 3-pointer to give Atlanta its biggest lead, 85-66, and both teams cleared their benches in the closing minutes as Miami's reserves outplayed the home team's substitutions to make the end result somewhat respectable.

Things got ugly in the closing minutes while the Hawks fans chanted "Hey, hey, hey, goodbye!" Zaza Pachulia, who provided more quality minutes off the bench, drove to the hoop and was collared around the neck by Udonis Haslem. The Miami forward was tossed out of the game for a flagrant foul, while Atlanta coach Mike Woodson charged onto the court to make sure no punches were thrown.

The Hawks will need everyone

for the Cavaliers, the top seed in the playoffs. Game 1 is Tuesday night in Cleveland.

The Heat is done, their finale epitomized by Haslem's inglorious exit. He ripped off his jersey on the way to the locker room, throwing it into the crowd before he disappeared down the tunnel. Still, it was quite a comeback season for Wade and the Heat, who bounced back from a dismal 15-67 record to make the playoffs as the fifth seed in the East.

Wade scored 31 points but the majority of those came after the Hawks had already built a comfortable lead. Bothered by back spasms throughout the series, he didn't have enough help from his young teammates to get through to a matchup against James in the second round.

Instead, it's the Hawks moving on. Red and silver streamers fell from the roof of Philips Arena as the horn sounded, celebrating the team's first playoff series win since a five-game triumph over Detroit in 1999. That team was swept by New York in the next round and then drifted into irrelevance, enduring nine straight losing seasons before this year's 47-35 mark was good enough for home-court advantage in the opening round of the playoffs.

A year ago, the Hawks learned the benefits of playing Game 7 at home. After taking the eventual NBA champion Celtics to the limit, Atlanta was blown out in the decisive game at Boston. This time, the Hawks got to play at home, and the doled out the same treatment to Miami.

Mike Bibby might have been the Hawks most valuable player in the series. He scored 11 points, including a couple of 3s, and doled out six assists. He even stood up to Woodson when the coach complained about Josh Smith putting up an errant 3-pointer from the corner.

When Woodson called his point guard over, Bibby shot back with an expletive. "Y'all tell him to move," Bibby growled. Woodson simply turned away, rubbing his



Atlanta Hawks Josh Smith, left, Joe Johnson, second from right, and Mike Bibby (10) react as Smith leaves the court in the final seconds of Game 7 of the Eastern Conference NBA basketball playoff series Sunday, May 3, 2009. Atlanta won 91-78.

goatee and smiling slightly. Smith played well despite the occasional gaffe, finishing with 21 points and, as usual, a couple of thunderous dunks that brought the less-than-sellout crowd to its feet.

Michael Beasley had 17 points and Haslem 14 — the only other Miami players in double figures.

As if playing a Game 7 in Atlanta wasn't unusual enough, the Hawks actually

won one for the first time since 1961 — when the franchise was still in St. Louis. That Bob Pettit-led team defeated the Los Angeles Lakers in the decisive contest before losing to Boston in the finals.

NHL Playoffs

Ducks' Marchant scores in 3rd OT to beat Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — Todd Marchant scored 1:15 into the third overtime to give the Anaheim Ducks a 4-3 series-leveling victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday.

Jonas Hiller made a career-high 59 saves, and Ryan Getzlaf, Chris Pronger and Ryan Carter also scored for the Ducks in Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinal.

Game 3 is Tuesday at Anaheim.

Chris Osgood stopped 42 shots, and Brad Stuart, Mikael Samuelsson and Johan Franzen scored for the defending Stanley Cup champion Red Wings, who lost for the first time in six postseason games.

Marchant carried the puck



up the middle of ice, made a move to slip into open space in the left circle and flicked a wrist shot past Osgood. The Ducks have won five straight playoff games against Detroit in overtime, winning twice after regulation two years ago in the Western

Conference finals en route to the Stanley Cup title.

Hurricanes 3, Bruins 0

At Boston, Cam Ward made 36 saves for his second playoff shutout in four games as Carolina held off Boston to level the Eastern Conference series 1-1.

Quail hollow

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O’Hair, 26, closed with a 3-under 69 — the only player from the last nine groups to break 70 — and made enough key birdies that finishing with consecutive bogeys on the two toughest holes at Quail Hollow didn’t cost him. He wound up with a one-shot victory over Lucas Glover and Bubba Watson to become only the third player in his 20s with at least three PGA Tour victories. The others are Sergio Garcia and Adam Scott. “Losing (stunk) at Bay Hill,” O’Hair said. “Even though it’s tough to lose like that, to lose a five-shot lead against Tiger, you still learn from it. I talked to my coach. I talked to

my caddie, Paul (Tesori). And we just all said all I have to do is keep putting myself in those situations, and at some point I’m going to learn how to win. It’s just nice to win as quickly as I did after Bay Hill.” O’Hair took the outright lead with a two-putt birdie from 70 feet on the 15th, then seized control with an 8-iron to 8 feet for birdie on the 16th hole, allowing him some room for error on the frightening finishing holes. “I just hit it as hard as I could and tried to flight it,” O’Hair said, “and hit really a perfect golf shot.” Glover, who bogeyed the par-3 17th, had a chance to force a playoff until his approach bounded over the firm green and his birdie chip turned away to the left. He closed



Bubba Watson reacts after making a putt on the third hole during the third round of the Quail Hollow Championship golf tournament at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday, May 2, 2009.
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with a 71 to join Watson (70) in a tie for second. Woods struggled with his game throughout the final round, but he still had a chance to tie for the lead when he drove the par-4 14th green and had an eagle putt from just inside 25 feet. He three-putted for par, then failed to birdie the par-5 15th. Woods finished with 10 straight pars for a 72 to finish alone in fourth, two shots behind. “I had my opportunity there at 14. I made a mistake there,” Woods said. “I knew the green was baked out. It was downwind, and I didn’t heed my own warning, and ended up putting too hard.” Watson, who has never won on the PGA Tour or Nationwide Tour, was atop the leaderboard for most of the back nine until he couldn’t make the short putts required of champions. He missed from 6 feet for birdie on the 15th, and the same distance on the 16th. Glover also missed a 5-foot birdie putt on the 15th that ultimately cost him. O’Hair allowed for a few

nervous moments with a three-putt bogey from 25 feet on the 18th, one of the fastest putts on the course. He was spared when Glover’s shot was too strong. “I thought it was good, I really did,” Glover said of his pitching wedge. “It was either wind or adrenaline, probably a little of both.” O’Hair, who finished at 11-under 277, will move up to No. 12 in the world ranking, his highest position ever. He also earned \$1.17 million, giving him just short of \$3 million for the year, more than he has ever made in any one season. Not bad for a guy who once traveled the mini-tours with his wife in a 40-foot bus, at times having to sit out tournaments because he couldn’t afford the entry fees, playing others under pressure to make money to eat. Now they have two children, with another one due next month. “I think that’s the stuff that makes this so sweet,” O’Hair

said. “It makes the hard work worth it, and it’s just really nice to enjoy it with her, especially where we came from.” Zach Johnson, who had a two-shot lead to start the final round, imploded on the par-3 second hole with a triple bogey from the trees. He wound up with a 76. O’Hair recalls running into Woods on Monday at the Masters, eight days after the Bay Hill fiasco, nodding to a friend but grumbling under his breath at the reminder of what went wrong. On Sunday, Woods hung around long enough to congratulate O’Hair, who was holding 4-year-old daughter Molly. O’Hair said Woods sent him a text message after Bay Hill with “some nice words.” Woods had more for him on Sunday. “He’s got all the talent. We know that,” Woods said. “We’ve seen how well he’s played. He’s been through a lot off the golf course, and it’s just a matter of time before all that settles in.”



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Primer caso en Sudamérica de la influenza N1H1 en Colombia

MEXICO DF/BOGOTA (Reuters) - El brote de la mortal influenza N1H1 en México ya entró en una fase de descenso, informaron el domingo las autoridades, mientras Sudamérica confirmó el primer caso en su territorio y centenares de países se preparan para una temida pandemia.

El secretario de Salud mexicano, José Angel Córdova, evitó cantar victoria en la lucha contra la nueva cepa de la gripe, argumentando que no se pueden descartar brotes posteriores.

“La evolución de la epidemia se encuentra ahora en su fase de descenso; el pico a nivel nacional se ha dado en los últimos días entre el 23 y el 28 de abril”, dijo el funcionario en una conferencia de prensa, agregando que en los últimos cuatro días no se registraron nuevos decesos.

En tanto, la Organización del Mundial de la Salud (OMS) llamó a incrementar la vigilancia sanitaria en humanos y animales, luego de que Canadá reportara que una manada de cerdos fue infectada por el virus.

Tras su aparición en México hace pocas semanas, la influenza fue detectada en otros 18 países, encendiéndose

la alarma mundial por una posible pandemia que puede golpear duramente a las naciones más pobres y a los sectores sociales más desprotegidos.

El Gobierno colombiano informó que análisis de laboratorio corroboraron la infección con el virus en una persona que estuvo en territorio mexicano, la cual está evolucionando satisfactoriamente.

Hasta ahora, México confirmó el deceso de 19 personas por la influenza, mayormente en Ciudad de México y sus alrededores, al tiempo que se investiga la causa de otras 121 muertes.

PRIMER CASO EN SUDAMERICA

Desde Bogotá, el ministro de Protección Social colombiano, Diego Palacio, dijo a periodistas que su país tiene bajo observación médica a 108 casos sospechosos.

“La persona de quien era la muestra que fue positiva es un paciente que como muchos de los pacientes y de las personas que vamos a tener contacto con el virus está en buenas condiciones, se encuentra en este momento en su casa en compañía de su familia”, precisó el funcionario.

El brote de la gripe mantiene paralizada a la gigantesca Ciudad de México y sus alrededores, epicentro de la mayor parte de las 506 infecciones en el país y donde sus habitantes ya se han habituado a vivir portando tapabocas.

El Gobierno ha obligado a mantener cerradas escuelas, universidades, restaurantes, parques y museos, y a prohibir las aglomeraciones de personas para evitar la propagación de la enfermedad.

Se espera que la gripe espante a miles de turistas de los principales centros turísticos mexicanos, en un duro golpe para una economía ya en recesión por la crisis financiera mundial.

La OMS ha dicho que la influenza H1N1 -que mezcla cepas de virus de cerdos, aves y humanos- no se ha propagado de manera sostenida fuera de Norteamérica, como se requiere antes de que se eleve la alerta de pandemia a su nivel más alto.

Pero ha adelantado que eso probablemente ocurriría pronto, lo que llevó a decenas de países a tomar medidas



Oficiales de policía con mascarillas quirúrgicas hacen una guardia a la salida de un hotel donde 300 personas están en cuarentena en Hong Kong, 3 mayo 2009. Sudamérica confirmó el domingo el primer caso en su territorio de la mortal influenza H1N1, mientras el mundo seguía atemorizado por una posible pandemia a pesar de que la enfermedad parecía haber desacelerado su propagación en México. El Gobierno colombiano informó que análisis de laboratorio confirmaron la infección con el virus en una persona que regresó de México, la cual está evolucionando satisfactoriamente. REUTERS/Bobby Yip

extraordinarias de control sanitario en aeropuertos y hoteles, y a suspender vuelos a o desde México.

En Europa, España se convirtió en el país con la mayor cantidad de infecciones de la influenza, al informar que los casos comprobados se duplicaron a 40.

El actual director de los

Centros para Control y Prevención de Enfermedades en Estados Unidos, Richard Besser, se mostró optimista de que la nueva cepa de la influenza podría no ser más peligrosa que una clásica gripe estacional, en tanto que Washington estimó que estaría lista una vacuna contra la enfermedad para el otoño boreal.

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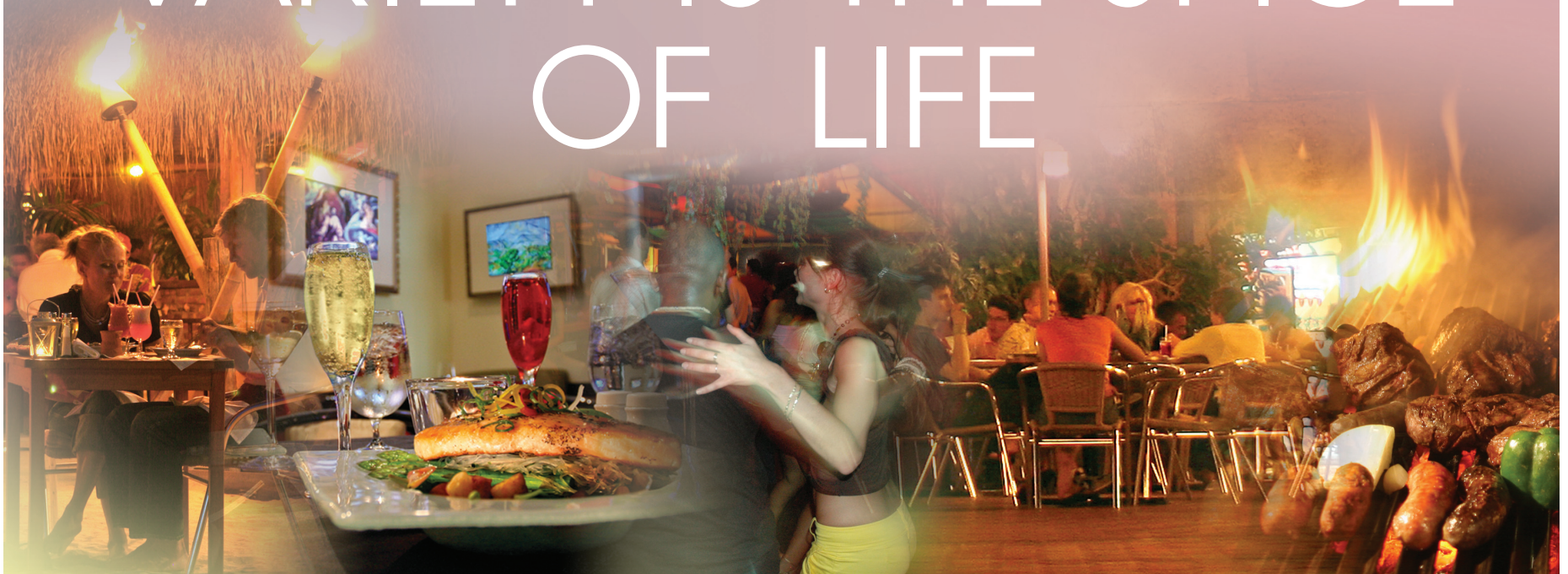
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